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Churchill-Amery Game To Fortify Tories' Position At General Elections

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, March 22.

The announcement of Viscount Wavell, Viceroy of India, visiting London has not come as a great surprise. Since the Labour Party Conference in December last there has been intensified agitation throughout the country demanding Governmental action for ending the political deadlock in India.

This agitation was further reinforced by Sir Zafrulla Khan, Sir Maharaj Singh and Sir B. P.Singh Roy when they came here for the Commonwealth Relations Conference.

The three Trade Union Delegates Messrs. Dange, Pramanik and Khedgikar have also been effectively supplementing the urge for settlement with India by their contact with Trade Union leaders as well as the rank and file of the movement whom they have been meeting ever since they arrived here.

SOLDIERS DO IT

The repercussions of these activities as also the activities of certain groups of people across the Atlantic have been felt very strongly inside Parliament where members have been assailed by letters by mothers, fathers and sweethearts of soldiers fighting in India against Japs. The trend of these letters certainly is all these soldiers want to fight Japs but they also want willing co-operation from four hundred million Indians so that the end of the Japanese war may come sooner than foreseen even by His Majesty's Ministers.

GOVT. HAD TO DO SOMETHING

In these circumstances the view in the Lobbies of the House of Commons, which I canvassed immediately after an announcement of Viscount Wavell's visit is that Government had to do something to meet the growing resentment and the present sullenness in India. In fact, as Mr. William Cove put it, Government had foreseen the consequences of its bankrupt policy and had, therefore, armed itself with power by passing a special dispensation to enable the Viceroy to leave India any time he felt it incumbent on him.

Although in his speech yesterday Mr. Amery laid stress on the military aspect of Viscount Wavell's visit, in relation of war against Japan it is clear that if that was the only purpose of his mission, the best person to discuss the military operations against Japanese would have been Lord Louis Mountbatten, the Supreme Commander of S.-E. Asia. The fact that Viscount Wavell himself is coming is a clear indication that the discussions on the political side will also have greater priority than one is led to believe from the official announcement. Although officially Viscount Wavell is coming alone it must not be overlooked that he will have the opportunity to consult two members of his Executive Council—Sir A. Ramaswami Mudaliar and Sir Feroze-khan Noon, who are coming here at the same time for Empire consultations in connection with the San Francisco Conference.

Labour Impotent On India Issue

Naturally everyone welcomes this new Governmental move although there is a certain amount of caution against over optimism.

As Mr. John Hind, Labour M.P. said to me: "From Mr. Amery's statement last week it is clear to us that he is not going to budge, I fail to see any change in his attitude to permit me to give Government any credit for bringing Viscount Wavell here. The present Cabinet, despite Coalition, is dominated by two persons—Messrs. Churchill and Amery—so far as India is concerned. It is no use anyone telling me that there are three Labour Members in the War Cabinet. Perhaps these people do not realise sufficiently that if Labour had any opportunity of expressing its views on high politics we of the Labour movement would not be facing Mr. Churchill's reactionary attitude in regard to the Trades Dispute Act. In short, to be candid, Labour is impotent inside the Coalition—definitely so on the India question. Viscount Wavell will come.

Will Churchill Produce Another Rabbit

"It will act as a sop for the prevalent agitation against Government and in the end Mr. Churchill will produce another rabbit from one of his variety hats, which may—at least that is what Tories think—help the old gang to use it at the forthcoming General Election. I am the least enamoured by Viscount Wavell's visit".

Mr. Reginald Sorensen sounded a similar note of cynicism. He said: "If Viscount Wavell is merely coming to discuss the technical side of war against Japan I have no use for it. But if he comes—I doubt it—for discussing practical steps for resolving the deadlock which will result in the formation of a National Government, I am whole-heartedly willing to welcome the visit. But I fail to see any signs in Mr. Amery to make me believe that we are at last on the eve of a settlement with India".

When Mr. Sydney Silverman drew Mr. William Cove's attention to the forthcoming visit of Lord Wavell Mr. Cove's reaction was expressed bluntly.

Who Can Deliver Goods

Mr. Cove shouted back: "So what?"

Mr. Cove's argument is that it is not Lord Wavell who can end deadlock but it is Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Nehru and Moulana A. K. Azad. He wants Pandit Nehru and Moulana Azad to come to London at once.

Mr. Cove would not expect Mahatma Gandhi to undertake the arduous journey with his present poor health.

Mr. Cove said: I have letters from relatives of soldiers fighting in India that they want their boys to give hell to Japs but get back home soon. They say why do not we enlist more Indians to fight for their soil against the Japanese? Of course, they admit that the soil at present does not belong to Indians to make them fight for it".

TORIES ENTHUSIASTIC

Conservatives, of course, are very enthusiastic about Lord Wavell's visit but when one remembers their about-turns at the bidding of their leader, as they did during the Education Bill, one is less inclined to attach much importance to their political sagacity at time when they are anxious to shine in glory their master.

This mixed reception to Lord Wavell's visit is due to the fact that although the Viceroy is visiting for

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Three delegates to the World Trade Union Conference held last month in London who were chosen presidents: They are left to right: Vassily Kuznetsov, Russia; George Issacs, Great Britain, and Roland J. Thomas, U. S. Approximately 50 million Trade Unionists in every corner of the globe were represented at the conference, the largest gathering of its kind ever held, to discuss labour's part in postwar problems.

PRINCIPAL BRITISH DELEGATES TO 'FRISCO

LONDON, March 22, (Reuter)—Mr. Churchill today announced in the Commons that four principal British delegates to the San Francisco Conference would be Mr. Eden, Foreign Secretary, Mr. Attlee, Lord President of the Council, Viscount Cranborne, Dominions Secretary and Lord Halifax British Ambassador at Washington.

EDEN TO LEAD

Mr. Eden will lead the delegation, which will also include Mr. Tomlinson, Joint Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour and National Service, Miss Ellen Wilkinson, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Home Security, Miss Florence Horsburgh, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health, Mr. William Mabane, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food and Mr. Dingle Foot, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Economics Warfare.

WHY NOT ATTLEE?

When Mr. Morlwyn Hughes (Labour) asked if there was any reason why Mr. Attlee, Deputy Prime Minister and Leader of the Labour Party, should not lead the delegation, Mr. Churchill said that the Foreign Secretary would in normal practice lead such a delegation. The title of the Deputy Prime Minister was a courtesy title and one which had no constitutional authority at the present time.

This remark was greeted with laughter and Labour cheers and Mr. Kirkwood, Labour, called "you are number one fisherman".

Mr. Churchill added: "I may say that in this Government while it lasts—I don't know how long it will last (laughter)—some of you would not like it to last very long—some people like to fish in troubled water".

Mr. Churchill retorted: I am not afraid of trouble".

Mr. Churchill said: it was discussed with the Deputy Prime Minister and he entirely agrees with the arrangement made.

Mr. Bellinger (Labour): In view of the large number of Labour Ministers included in this deputation may we have an assurance from the Prime Minister that no General Election will take place in their absence (laughter).

Mr. Churchill: I think whatever happens we ought to keep it going until after the San Francisco Conference.

'Frisco Conference To Last 12 Weeks

NEW YORK, March 22, (Reuter): Senator Vandenberg, one of the United States delegates to the San Francisco Conference says it might last as long as twelve weeks.

ONE VOTE FOR EACH NATION

Allies To Hold Preliminary Discussions In Washington

WASHINGTON, March 21 (Reuter): Each nation attending the San Francisco Conference starting on April 25 will have one vote, said a State Department spokesman to-day.

He was unable to say at present whether the Conference decisions will be reached by a simple majority vote or in some other form.

NEW YORK, March 20: Representatives of Britain, Russia, United States and China will hold conversations in Washington in April, before the San Francisco Conference to discuss the basic principles of the colonial or mandated territory policy in relation to the new international organization, I learn authoritatively, says Reuter's Special Correspondent.

The discussions will concern the position in the new organisation of the permanent mandate Commission of the old League of Nations, general terms of such new mandates as may be contemplated and possibly a new system of regional commissions to supervise the mandated territories.

It is understood here the discussions will not deal with individual Colonies or mandates but will be confined to outlining a system of international co-operation regarding the mandates for submission to the San Francisco Conference.—Reuter.

ARAB LEAGUE FORMED

CAIRO, March 22, (Reuter): The constitution of the Arab League was signed today at a meeting of the Arab Congress.

MOYNE'S ASSASSINS EXECUTED

CAIRO, March 22, (Reuter): Chanting a Jewish prayer up to the moment of death, Eliahu Hakim and Eliahu Souri, the men who shot Lord Moyne, British Minister Resident in the Middle East, outside his home in Cairo last November, were hanged separately in the Court of Appeal prison here to-day.

Both the men had been described as members of the Stern Gang Jewish terrorist organisation. They died bravely Souri left a note scribbled in Arabic a few minutes before he died, in which he said he had not the time to write to his father and his sweetheart.

Both protested against the shortness of notice of execution.

R.A.F. RAIDS IN AID OF SOVIET DRIVE

ALLIED MEDITERRANEAN HQ., March 22. (Reuter): R. A. F. heavy bombers striking by night a new blow in support of Marshal Tolbukhin's Soviet Army along the river Drava on the Hungarian-Yugoslav frontier have raided marshalling yards at Novska in Yugoslavia, to-day's Allied Mediterranean communique announced.

Novska is less than 50 miles from the Red Army front and is on the main Zagreb-Belgrade railway.

Reuter's special correspondent at Allied Mediterranean Hq. cabled to-day that the Eighth Army repulsed German fighting patrols at three different points.

Americans Capture Iloilo

Mitchells Sink Jap Freighter Transport In China Sea

MANILA, March 22 (Reuter).—The Americans captured the city of Iloilo in south-eastern Panay in the Philippines on Tuesday, General MacArthur's communique stated today.

American patrols with guerilla support cleared the flat coastal plain to the north-west.

The communique said that except for minor pockets "all organised resistance on Panay has been crushed." Approximately three quarters of Iloilo was destroyed by the Japanese before the Americans entered from the west, but the important dock and harbour area was taken intact.

15 Killed: 25 Injured

Railway Accident At Jungshai In Sind

KARACHI, March 22 (U. P. I.): About 15 persons were killed and 25 injured in a collision between a passenger train and a goods train at the Jungshai station last night.

It is reported that the 191 passenger train which left Karachi last night was about to leave Jungshai when the goods train steamed in and collided against it in the rear. Two bogies were damaged. The dead and the injured were brought to Karachi in a special train. The railway police officials left for the spot. Jungshai is about 50 miles from Karachi and the passengers were bound for the Rahri Junction.

Dead Bodies Removed To Karachi

(A. P. I.): Sixteen dead bodies, five women and 11 men, who were killed in the railway accident at Jungshai were brought to Karachi in the afternoon. They were immediately removed to the Civil Hospital where large crowds had collected to make anxious enquiries about their relatives and friends. Poignant scenes were witnessed when the bodies were identified and given over to their relatives.

PREMIER INFORMS ASSEMBLY

The Premier, Sir Ghulam Hussain Hidayatullah, informed the Sind Assembly that a serious accident had occurred at Jungshai station at about 3 a.m. to-day in which 25 persons were killed and 30 persons were injured.

MINISTERS VISIT HOSPITAL

Khan Bahadur Mir Ghulam Ali, Home Minister, Mr. G. M. Syed, President of the Sind Provincial Muslim League, and some Congress M.L.A.'s visited the Civil Hospital where the injured persons have been brought by a special train.

300 Killed In Adana Earthquake

ISTANBUL, March 22, (Reuter): Reports reaching here reveal that the earthquake yesterday was a catastrophe in the districts of Djeihan, Kosana, and Mesis in Adana (Southern Turkey) where the tremors lasted 40 seconds. Casualties and damage are great, the dead and wounded numbering some 300. More than 500 buildings have been destroyed or damaged. More than 2,000 people who have been rendered homeless are exposed to rain in open country.

Soviet Drive On Danzig

MOSCOW, March 22 (A. P. A.): Marshal Vasilevsky hurled his veteran storm troops into Heiligenbeil to-day to reduce the last big German stronghold south-west of Koenigsberg while Marshal Rokossovsky slashed into the perimeter defences of Danzig from two sides.

Annihilation of the Germans still holding out on the Fritsches Haff (a lagoon between Koenigsberg and Danzig on the Baltic) was moving towards a swift conclusion.

Rokossovsky hammered wedges into the Danzig defence zone from south and west. The city itself is about six miles from the muzzles of his artillery.

BATTLE OF BERLIN

The only major activity reported from the Berlin front held by Marshals Zhukov and Koniev from the north-east to the south-east of the bomb-wrecked Nazi capital was further gains by the latter within Breslau. But the uneasy lull was believed to be near an end there and a Russian offensive in the making to match the storming Allied advances from the Western front.

Berlin radio reported the Russians have thrown huge forces against Stettin in efforts to a capture bridges near the mouth of the Oder intact and that the Germans were retreating "step by step" to take up more favourable positions."

STOP PRESS

Finance Bill To Be Thrown Out

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, March 22.

The first reading debate on Finance Bill will be concluded on Monday, when Party leaders will participate in the discussions. Opposition is confident of throwing out the Bill at the first reading stage.

LADY MOUNTBATTEN

COLOMBO, March 22 (A.P.I.): Lady Mountbatten has arrived in Ceylon.

RED ARMY OFFENSIVE

MOSCOW, March 22. (Reuter): A Red Army offensive has begun west and south of Oppeln announced Marshal Stalin in an order of the day tonight. Oppeln is 47 miles south-east of Breslau.

The Commander of this front is Marshal Koniev. His troops linked up near Neustadt to encircle the German grouping south-west of Oppeln. The grouping has been routed.

The Russians occupied more than 400 places in German Silesia.

KESSELRING FOR WEST FRONT

21ST ARMY GROUP HQ., March 22. (Reuter): Field Marshal Kesselring has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the German Armies in the west, it is officially stated.

CALL ON GEN. FRANCO TO RESIGN

Late Spanish King's Son Sends Message Through Minister At Berne

BERNE, SWITZERLAND, March 22 (A. P. A.): The Spanish aspirant to the throne, Juan, Count of Barcelona, has formally called upon Gen. Franco to resign and end Spain's totalitarian regime to permit restoration of a constitutional monarchy.

Juan's statement expressed firm conviction that monarchy was the only way to restore Spain to a worthy place in international affairs and solve her pressing economic and social difficulties at home.

SPANISH MINISTER AS ENVOY

The statement was handed to the Spanish Minister at Berne yesterday for transmission to Franco directly. It was understood this already had been done. An emissary of Juan brought the message to Berne and with the Count's consent this correspondent was provided with a copy.

BRITAIN SUPPORTS IT?

Having known Juan and his entourage personally for the past two years, I am furthermore in position to state that copies of his appeal also have gone privately to Spain—to persons able to see that the people are made aware of what the man who would be their King is saying.

Juan's mother, the former Queen Victoria, was in London last October while I was also there. Although she went there for the funeral of her mother, it can be reliably stated that the monarchist possibilities were discussed.

Since 1943 there has been ample reason to believe that Britain would welcome a restoration. There also are indications that the United States would not object to a regime that ended totalitarian and Axis associations once and for all.

Juan declared: "I incite no one to rebellion but I wish to remind those who support the existing political regime of the tremendous responsibility they incur by contributing to a prolongation of a situation which will inevitably bring the country to irreparable ruin".

LAUSANNE, March 22. (Reuter): Reuter adds that reports reaching London at the end of February quoted Spanish monarchist circles in Paris as a report that Prince Juan is likely to issue a manifesto on the eve of the San Francisco Conference claiming the throne of Spain.

It was reported at the same time from Paris that Senor Lopez Olivan, who represents the Spanish Monarchists, had arrived in Paris on his way to Geneva for an interview with Prince Juan.

SAADULLA RESIGNS TO FORM NEW CABINET

SHILLONG, March 22. (A.P.I.): The Saadulla Ministry is resigning and an All-Parties Cabinet is being constituted in Assam, on the basis of an agreement signed by himself, Mr. Gopinath Bardoloi, leader of the Congress Party and Mr. Rohinikumar Chaudhury, Leader of the Independent Party.

Sir Md. Saadulla, the Premier, in a statement in the Assam Assembly this afternoon announced this.

According to the agreement the "present Cabinet will resign on March 23 and will be reconstituted by Sir Md. Saadulla so that the members of new Cabinet may take their seats in the House on March 24 before prorogation".

The Congress Party will not accept office, but will give their indirect support.

DR. KHAN SAHIB'S LEAD

Public May Vent Grievances Personally Twice Weekly

PESHAWAR, March 22 (A. P. I.): Dr. Khan Sahib, Premier of the Frontier Province, has set apart two days in a week when the public can see him direct to represent their grievances.

Ministry For Bombay?

What Will Kher Discuss With Mahatmaji?

BOMBAY, Thursday (A. P. I.): Interviewed on the Press reports about his visit to Wardha, Mr. B. G. Kher, former Premier, said that he was proceeding to Wardha on March 25 in order to attend a meeting of the Hindustani Talimi Sangh, which is to be held on March 26 and 27 under the Presidentship of Dr. Zakir Hussein. He declined to say anything further.

The Press reports referred to say that the question of the formation of a Ministry for Bombay Province will presumably be discussed by Mr. Kher when he meets Mahatma Gandhi next week.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (JULY)

New York, March 22.

Previous Closing	21.79
To-day's Opening	21.80
Difference	+01
To-day's Closing	21.82
Difference	+03

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

New York, March 22.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:—

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Saadulla Accepts Congress Terms For Coalition

CONGRESS MAY NOT ACCEPT OFFICE BUT WILL SUPPORT MINISTRY

SHILLONG March 22. (A. P.): The Ministerialist Party in the Assam Legislative Assembly has, it is understood, accepted the Congress Party's terms for the formation of a Coalition Ministry which will enjoy the confidence and support of all parties and has authorised its leader, Sir Muhammad Saadulla to negotiate further with the leaders of Opposition Parties on some minor details.

The terms include the release of political prisoners, the withdrawal of the ban on public meetings and processions and a revision of the Governments procurement and supply policy.

Earlier Mr. Gopinath Bardoloi, ex-Premier, had made it clear to Sir Muhammad Saadulla that if the terms were accepted, the Congress Party would give its moral support to the Ministry, although it would not accept office.

Sir Muhammad Saadulla is expected to make a statement in the Assam Legislative Assembly shortly.

"MINISTRY MUST SERVE MASSES AND COUNTRY"

Would Ask It To Resign If It Fails, Says Abdul Ghaffar Khan

PESHAWAR March 21 (A P).

After a five hours meeting of the Ministerialist Party which was addressed by Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, Rai Bahadur Mehr Chand Khanna Secretary of the Congress Parliamentary Party, has issued the following statement:

"We requested Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan to give the party his advice and guidance in the matter of Parliamentary activities. Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan told us that he was not personally enamoured of the present constitution as embodied in the Government of India Act, 1935. But if the members were consciously of the opinion that they could do some good to the country and the people he will not like to stand in their way.

Not only that, but the Ministry will have his support provided it did not do anything which was in conflict with his cherished principles. If, however, he even felt that the Ministry was not serving the masses and could do no good to the country he would not hesitate even for a minute to call upon it to resign."

Sholapur Mill Workers Not Satisfied With 2 Months Bonus

(From Our Corrsepondent)

SHOLAPUR, March 21.

The millowners here have decided to grant two months' bonus but the mill workers are not satisfied.

They have demanded more and have accordingly served the Managements with notices but nothing has been done in that direction. Now they have turned their attention to the conciliation under the Trade Disputes Act.

The workers have also objected to the condition that those who were working on 31st December 1944 are only entitled to receive bonus.

MERCHANTS PUT FORWARD ALTERNATIVE TO REQUISITIONING PLAN

The Secretary of the Indian Merchants' Chamber in a letter to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Revenue Department, brings to their notice the widespread alarm and indignation which exists amongst the people of this city as a result of their recent policy of requisitioning residential quarters for military purposes and offers some suggestions to avert the plight of many who will have to suffer by their recent proposals.

He points out that there are several large plots of land available in the city and the suburbs, such as the huge plot of land on and near the Race Course at Mahalaxmi, on the maidan near the Fort and open spaces lying between Jogeshwari and Goregaon, where temporary structures could be erected or tents could be pitched to provide accommodation for the military as is being done in other places and in other cities in India. He further ventures to suggest that the Princes may be requested to place at the disposal of the Government, for providing accommodation for the military, their palatial dwellings in the city which they may not have been using as their residence for any length of time. The Government can usefully negotiate for the requisitioning of big Clubs and Gymkhanas in Bombay, for providing accommodation for the military, without any discrimination between the Indians and non-Indians.

Another direction in which relief may be sought is to inquire whether the evacuees and other foreigners may not be requested to leave the city, if they are not engaged in any work connected with the war.

G. K. U. SUGGESTS WAYS TO IMPROVE CLOTH SITUATION

Mr. S. G. Patkar, General Secretary, Bombay Girni Kamgar Union (Red Flag) in a statement suggests that the grave scarcity of cloth can be immediately improved by discontinuing the system of distribution based on the three different categories of quotaholders known as the A, B, C, licence-holders and by Government taking up the responsibility of acquiring the entire stocks including the frozen and unsold stocks and the future production of the industry directly from the producers.

A new system of distribution should be introduced, he says, in which goods should be supplied to the retail shops directly by the Government without making any charges for profits and that rationing of essential types of cloth should be brought into effect immediately on the acquirement of stocks.

Detenus Plea To Defer Hearing Of Privy Council Appeal

CALCUTTA, March 22. (A.P.I.): In connection with the Privy Council appeal filed by the Government of Bengal against the decision of the Federal Court in the case King Emperor versus Shibnath Banerjee, M.L.A., and other State prisoners, the prisoner-respondents have, it is learnt, sent a petition to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council through the Superintendent of the Presidency Jail to adjourn the hearing of the appeal and for direction to the Government of Bengal to give necessary facilities to their local lawyer, Mr. Nirmalendu Dutta Majumdar, Advocate, to enable him to reach London with individual instructions from the respondents before the hearing of the appeal begins.

The petition is a sequel to the Bengal Government's refusal to give the facilities stated above. The petitioners had interviews in the jail in connection with this appeal during the last eight months with their legal advisors, who have made preliminary arrangements with Messrs. Stanley Johnson Allen, solicitors in London.

Polish National Council In London Dissolved

New Council To Be Summoned In Near Future

LONDON March 21. (Reuter). The Polish Telegraph Agency issued a "communique" stating that the Polish National Council in London has been dissolved by President Raczkiewicz on a proposition of the Prime Minister M. Arciszewski, and a new Council will be summoned in the near future.

The following reasons are given by President Raczkiewicz for the dissolution. The necessity of assuring seats in the Council to representatives from Poland and to the widest possible groups of the Polish community as well as to Poles living abroad in the recently liberated territories; the need for greater efficiency in view of the new problems now facing Poland.

The Council which had 24 members was called into existence in February 1942.

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20,000 Preference shares of Rs. 10/- each ..... Rs. 2,00,000/-
1,500 Debentures of Rs. 100/- each ..... Rs. 1,50,000/-

The whole amount due on shares is payable on application. The directors and their friends have applied for Ordinary shares of Rs. 2,10,000/- and Preference shares of Rs. 15,000/-. The balance is offered to the public for subscription.

The Debentures offered are first Mortgage Bearer Bonds carrying interest at 5-1/2% per annum free of British Indian Income-tax. The interest will be paid half yearly, the first of such payments to be made on 30th September, 1945, calculated from the date of allotment, and thereafter half yearly on 31st December and 30th June. The Debentures are liable to be redeemed in the following manner:—

150 Debentures equivalent to	Rs. 15,000	on 30th December	1946
150 " "	Rs. 15,000	on 30th "	1947
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The remaining debentures of the value of Rs. 75,000 are liable at the discretion of the Directors to be redeemed in whole or in part on three months' notice after 30th December 1950, and in any case before 1955. Repayment of debentures will be at par. The lot or lots to be redeemed in each year will be determined by annual drawings.

The debentures are secured by a first mortgage to the Trustees for the Debenture-holders of the immovable property now proposed to be acquired by the Company and by a floating charge upon all general assets of the Company. No further issue of debentures will be made ranking in priority to or ranking 'pari passu' with the present issue of Rs. 1,50,000. Provision will be made for the Debenture Trustees to be represented on the Board by an Ex-officio Director.

The draft of the trust deed signed for identification by Mr. C. O. Madhavan one of the trustees for the debenture-holders contains the other terms and conditions of the debentures and is available for inspection at the office of the Legal Advisors and copy thereof at the registered office of the Company.

PREFERENCE SHARES

The preference shares shall confer the right to a fixed cumulative dividend at the rate of 7 per cent per annum free of British Indian Income-tax on the amount paid up thereon and shall further enjoy the preferential right to the prior return of capital over the ordinary shares in the event of the Company going into liquidation either voluntarily or otherwise or if the Company is amalgamated with any other company and shall also be entitled to all arrears of cumulative dividend whether declared or not till the date of winding up or amalgamation of the Company with any other company and they shall not have any other right either over profits or assets of the Company.

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3. Mr. M. R. PERUMAL PILLAI, Planter, Coonoor, Nilgiris, Proprietor, Mahadevi Estate.
4. Mr. B. PERUMAL CHETTY, Planter, Katteri, Nilgiris, Proprietor, Benhuty Estate.
5. Mr. V. N. VELOO, Planter and Merchant, Kottayam. (ex-officio). Proprietor, Messrs. Wilson and Co., Kottayam. Director, Messrs. Krishnan Kutty and Veloo (India) Ltd., British Cochin.

BANKERS

THE BHARATH BANK LIMITED, ALLEPPEY.
INDO MERCANTILE BANK LIMITED, COCHIN.

LEGAL ADVISERS

Messrs. V. J. JOSEPH AND MARKOS, LAWYERS, KOTTAYAM.

MANAGING AGENTS

Messrs. KRISHNAN KUTTY AND VELOO (India) LTD., British Cochin, Malabar.

REGISTERED OFFICE

BRITISH COCHIN, MALABAR.

AUDITORS

Messrs. KARIAKAR AND SOORI, Coimbatore.

BROKERS AND UNDERWRITERS

1. Messrs. J. R. Motishaw & Co., Stock and Share Brokers, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay.
2. Mr. K/ U. Advani, Stock and Share Broker, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay.
3. Messrs. Bengal Share Dealers Syndicate Ltd., Stock and Share Brokers, 12, Chowringhee Square, Calcutta.
4. Messrs. Ebrahim Dossani & Sons, Members, Calcutta Stock Exchange Association Ltd., 135 Canning Street, Calcutta.
5. Messrs. Sindia Brokers, P. B. No. 187, Madras.

OBJECTS

The company has been formed for the purposes set forth in the Memorandum of Association (a copy whereof together with the name of the signatories thereto is annexed hitherto and forms part of the prospectus) and primarily with the object of acquiring the Woodbriar Estate at Devarshola and working the same.

ESTATE

The total area of the estate is as follows:—

Tea ..	.. 328	acres
Coffee ..	.. 3	acres
Paddy field (approx).	55	acres
Reserved land ..	404	acres
Total ...	790	acres

SITUATION

The estate is situated in Nilgiris. There are motorable roads to the Estate. The nearest post and telegraph office to the estate is Devarshola which is only about 2 miles from the estate. The elevation of the estate ranges from about 4500 ft. to 5000 ft. The soil is very fertile and the lay of the land is undulating and thoroughly suitable for tea cultivation.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Mr. M. Parker, a well-known authority on plantation and proprietor of Hyllon estate, Coimbatore, visited, valued and reported on the estate on 30-10-1944. Mr. Parker was the superintendent of Woodlands and Olanda Tea Estates in Nilgiris for about 10 years.

The followings are extracts from the above report:—

"From Devarshola a motorable metalled road of about 2 miles in length runs into the Woodbriar Estate.

RESERVE LAND:—IT IS STUDDED WITH VALUABLE TIMBER. THE INCIDENCE OF TIMBER IS SO HEAVY THAT THE NETT VALUATION OF RS. 25/- per ACRE MAY BE DEEMED MODERATE. EASY ACCESSIBILITY OF ONE OF THE MAIN ROADS IN MALABAR WHICH LEADS DIRECTLY INTO THE PRINCIPAL TIMBER PORT ON THE WEST COAST VIZ. CALICUT; WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE ESTATE TO CASH IN THE TIMBER PROSPECTS ESPECIALLY DURING THE PRESENT SHARP APPRECIATION OF TIMBER PRICE. THE FOREST ALSO AFFORDS PRACTICALLY INEXHAUSTIBLE FUEL SUPPLY FOR THE ESTATE.

COST OF PRODUCTION

I find from the account of Woodbriar Estate that the cost of producion of the estate for the last 3 years is as follows excluding packing charge about 2 annas per lb.

Plucking	Manufacturing	Crop	Cost of production
1940-'41			
Rs.	Rs.	lbs	
13,734/9/1	20410/13/5	1,74,076	-/3/1
1941-'42			
13,661/3/10	16,976/8/5	1,76,331	-/2/9
1942-'43			
16,051/14/11	24.051/0/11	2,05,417	-/3/2

COOLY LINES

They are built in stones plastered and tiled over, may be valued Rs. 41,400 Writers' quarters office and Manager's bungalow, built in stone plastered and tiled may be valued Rs. 15,500.

Factory with machinery, furniture, fitting thereupon may be valued Rs. 1,00,000.

TEA AND COFFEE AREA

The Tea plants are fairly healthy but the coffee plants are not met in good condition. It can be valued Rs. 1,300 and Rs. 600 respectively per acre excluding factory, machinery etc.

ACTUAL CROP HARVESTED FROM THE ESTATE

1940-41	1,74,076 lbs.	made tea
1941-42	1,76,331 lbs.	"
1942-43	2,05,417 lbs.	"

TEA FACTORY

There is a tea factory on the estate built in steel and well kept. The measurement of the tea factory is about 120' x 60'. The machinery in the factory consists of:—

1. Ruston and Hornsby Diesel oil engine 34 B.H.P.
2. Hronsby kerosene oil engine 25 B.H.P.
3. Jackson Rollers.
4. Jackson Rollers.
5. Jackson Rollers.
6. H. & C. Roller breaker (new) purchased in 1942-43.
7. Roller breaker (Walker's) Colombo.
8. Sifter Jacksons.
9. Cutter Reide.
10. Cutter reide (Walker's)
11. Packer-Jacksons.
12. Grinder (Marshell's) newly purchased in 1942-'43.
13. Marshall's Imperial venetian Dryer No. 184, new, purchased in 1939-'40.
14. Platform weighing scale.
15. Platform weighing scale.
16. Avery scale new.
17. Hornsby kerosene oil engine for pumping water to the factory 2½ B.H.P.
18. Wooden tables 5.
19. Withering fan 1.
20. Sifting fan 1.
21. Fire buckets 10.
22. Circular saw marchells 1.

BUILDINGS

There is a spacious well furnished manager's bungalow with garage and outhouses. There are quarters for clerks, writers and tea makers. There are also about 27 cooly lines of 5 rooms each to accommodate the resident labour force on the estate.

PIPE LINES

There are three pipe lines on the estate at the moment. One line (2" pipes) supplies water to the manager's bungalow (about 700'). Another line (2' pipes) supplies water to the factory from a well below the factory a 2½ B.H.P., kerosene oil engine erected to pump water up (approx. 450'). Another line (¼" pipes) runs up to cooly lines from a well from which water is pumped up by a small hand pump. One cooly is employed on this for a day.

CAPITALIZATION

The Woodbriar estate with factory, machinery, fittings, buildings, cooly lines, furniture live and rolling stock, stores tools equipments etc. is to be purchased for a sum of forty thousand pounds sterling i.e., Rs. 5,35,000.

The value is apportioned as follows:

1. Value of 328 acres mature tea at Rs. 990 per acre	Rs.	3,24,720
2. Value of 3 acres mature coffee at Rs. 500 per acre	Rs.	1,500
3. Value of about 55 acres paddy field at Rs. 400 per acre	Rs.	22,000
4. Value of 404 acres reserved land at Rs. 114 per acre	Rs.	44,856
5. Value of factory, machinery, furniture etc.	Rs.	1,32,200
6. Value of stores, equipments, such as tea chests, live and rolling stock etc., on the estate which are included in the sale	Rs.	9,724
Total	Rs.	5,35,000

PROSPECTS

Under the tea restriction scheme now in force new planting of tea is prohibited. Consumption of tea both in India and board is ever on the increase and this has been responsible for the steady rise in prices. The produce of the estate is of very good quality and has ready market. THE COST OF PRODUCTION of the estate IS VERY LOW. THE PADDY AREA OF 55 ACRES WILL MAINTAIN THE ENTIRE COOLY POPULATION OF THE ESTATE AND SOME SURPLUS IS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR SALE. Food problem has never been felt on this estate and coolies are available in plenty.

The following is a conservative estimate of profits from working the estate beginning with January 1945 and ending with December 1945.

Sale price of 2,00,000 lbs. tea obtainable from the Woodbriar estate at 15 annas per lb. (contract price of tea)		Rs. 1,87,500
Less cost of production of the above quantity tea at 6 annas per lb.	Rs. 75,000	
	Rs. 75,000	Rs. 1,87,500
	Gross	Profit.
		Rs. 1,12,500
Less depreciation on building and machinery at 5% on Rs. 1,32,200	Rs. 6,610 0 0	
Directors fee establishment charges travelling expense etc.	Rs. 2,500 0 0	
Managing Agent's office allowance at Rs. 300 per mensem	Rs. 3,600 0 0	
Income-tax, agricultural-tax and surcharge	Rs. 14,615 1 3	
Managing Agent's commission at 5%	Rs. 4,989 8 0	
Interest on debentures at 5½%	Rs. 8,250 0 0	
Dividend on preference shares of Rs. 2,00,000 at 7% per annum	Rs. 14,000 0 0	
Allocation towards debentures	Rs. 15,000 0 0	
		Rs. 69,564 9 3
Balance		Rs. 42,935 6 9

This balance of Rs. 42,935-6-9 which is available for distribution for the ordinary shareholders, will work approximately at 14%. In this connection we point out the fact that the estate account for the last 3 years shows that the cost of production of the estate for a pound of tea is round about 0-3-1 besides packing charge. The present packing charge is about 2 annas per lb.

PAYMENT TO VENDORS

The vendors are Messrs. E. A. & G. W. Fulcher, Kent. They have agreed to sell the estate together with the estate factory, machinery, buildings, stock and other equipments to Messrs. Wilson & Co., Kottayam, through the agents of Messrs. Wilson & Co., in London, namely Messrs Hampton and Sons Ltd., for a consideration of forty thousand pounds sterling which is approximately Rs 5,35,000 Messrs. Wilson & Co., Kottayam have agreed to transfer their option to purchase the estate to the Company FOR THE SAME CONSIDERATION AND WITHOUT TAKING ANY PROFIT FOR THEMSELVES, Messrs. Wilson & Co., have paid an advance of Rs. 54,000 (by cheque) to the vendors and the Company have to reimburse Messrs. Wilson & Co., this amount as well as a sum of two hundred pounds sterling which is the commission that has to be paid by Messrs. Wilson & Co., Kottayam, to their London Agents Messrs. Hampton and Sons Ltd.

DISPOSAL OF CAPITAL MONEY

Purchase price of the Estate	Rs.	5,35,000
Preliminary expenses including agents commission, conveyance, advertisement, legal expenses, etc., estimated	Rs.	48,000
Brokerage and underwriting commission	Rs.	17,000
Working capital and sundries	Rs.	50,000
Total	Rs.	6,50,000

MINIMUM SUBSCRIPTION

The minimum subscription on which the directors will proceed to the allotment of shares is preference and or Ordinary shares to the face value of Rs. 4,60,000. The balance money required for the above capital disposal will be met as to Rs. 1,50,000 by the proceeds of the debenture issue and as to Rs. 40,000 by reducing the estimated working capital or raised by the directors otherwise.

PRELIMINARY EXPENSES

The preliminary expenses of the Company inclusive of conveyance, registration, printing, stationery, legal charges, advertisements, etc., but exclusive of brokerage are estimated at Rs. 48,000. Messrs. Wilson and Co., have been meeting all the preliminary expenses of the Company till now and out of the said estimate, they will be paid a lump sum of Rs. 18,000 as the preliminary expenses incurred by them till the issue of this prospectus. No other promotion or goodwill money is payable.

DIRECTORS' QUALIFICATION AND REMUNERATION

The qualification of a director other than Ex-officio director shall be the holding in his name or in case he represents a corporation, in the name of such corporation, of shares in the Company of the aggregate nominal value not less than Rs. 1,000.

Every director will be entitled to a fee of Rs. 25 for every meeting of the Board of Directors which he attends and such other special remuneration may be determined by the Board of Directors for any expert or extra services rendered or performed by him for the Company and shall also be entitled to reasonable hotel, travelling and other expenses incurred in attending Board meetings or its Committee and such other expenses he may incur by authorisation for the Board of Directors in or about the business of the Company.

EX-OFFICIO DIRECTOR

The Managing Agents as long as they hold qualification of shares shall have the right to nominate one Director who will be styled as Ex-officio director and shall not be liable to retirement by rotation or removal by an extraordinary resolution. Provision will be made for the Debenture Trustees also being represented on the Board by an Ex-officio Director.

INTEREST OF DIRECTORS

Of the first directors Mr. V. N. Veloo, Ex-officio director for the Managing Agents is interested as the Vendor being the proprietor of Messrs. Wilson and Co., Kottayam. No other directors have any other interest in the formation of the Company except to the extent of their share-holdings in the Company.

MANAGEMENT

The general management of the business of the Company, subject to the control and supervision of the directors shall be in the hands of the Managing Agents Messrs. Krishnan Kutty & Veloo (India) Ltd. They shall be the Managing Agents of the Company for a period of 20 years from the date of its incorporation with the powers and upon the terms; provisions and conditions set forth in the Articles and in the draft Agreement which for the purpose of identification has been subscribed by Messrs. V. J. Joseph and Markos, and the Directors are authorised to execute for and on behalf of the Company an agreement in the form of the said draft without modification and to carry the same into effect.

THE REMUNERATION OF MANAGING AGENTS

The First Managing Agents will be entitled to:—

1. From the date of certificate of commencement of business a sum of Rs. 300 per mensem as office allowance payable monthly and;
2. 5 per cent of the nett profit of the Company the nett profit being as that defined in the Indian Companies Act, Sec. 87 C.

Subsequent Managing Agents, if any, shall be appointed and their remuneration determined by the Company in general meetings and Managing Agents for the time being shall have the like powers and perform the like duties as are conferred and imposed by these articles. Retiring Managing Agents shall be eligible for re-appointment.

VOTING RIGHTS

Every share-holder will be entitled on a show of hands to one vote and on a poll to one vote for every share of any class held by him.

TRANSFER OF SHARES

The only restriction on transfer of shares such as are imposed by Table A of the First schedule to the Companies Act.

UNDERWRITING AND BROKERAGE

Messrs. J. R. Motishaw and Co., Stock and Share Brokers, Bombay, have underwritten Rs. 1,50,000 worth of Debentures and Rs. 1,00,000 worth of Preference shares on a commission of 3 1/2 per cent. A Brokerage up to 2 1/2 per cent on the remaining amount of shares of the present issue to the public will be paid by previous arrangement to bonafide brokers, Bankers, firms or other persons subscribing or procuring subscriptions. The Directors are of opinion that the resources of the underwriters are more than sufficient to meet their underwriting obligations.

INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS

The copy of the following documents are open to inspection during usual office hours at the registered office of the Company.

1. The Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company.
2. Agreement dated 27-2-1945 between Messrs. Wilson and Co., and Mr. V. K. Krishnan Kutty on behalf of the Company.
3. Draft copy of the Managing Agency agreement between Messrs. Krishnan Kutty and Veloo (India) Ltd., and the Company.
4. Underwriting agreement letter dated 16th February 1945 from Messrs. J. R. Motishaw and Co., Bombay.
5. Valuation report made on the estate by Mr. M. Parker, Hyllon Estate.

GENERAL

Application for shares are to be made in the form attached to the prospectus or typewritten similarly and forwarded with necessary remittance to the Company's Bankers, Underwriters, Brokers Managing Agents M/s. Wilson & Co., Kottayam, or to the registered office. Copies of the prospectus and application forms COULD BE HAD FROM ANY OFFICE OF THE BHARATH BANK LTD., Brokers, Underwriters, the Managing Agents, and M/S. WILSON & CO., KOTTAYAM P. O., TRAVANCORE STATE.

The Directors however reserve to themselves the right to reject any application for shares without assigning any reason. In case in which no allotment is made deposit received will be returned in full and where the number of shares allotted is less than the number of shares applied for, the surplus amount will be refunded to the applicants.

The Directors desire it to be distinctly understood that in giving the consent under Defence of India Rule No. 94-A to the promoters of this Company and the issue of the prospectus the Government of India does not take any responsibility for the financial soundness of any scheme or for the correctness of any of the statements made or opinion expressed with regard to them.

(Sd.) 1. V. K. Krishnan Kutty.
" 2. C. J. Kulasekhara Mudaliar.
" 3. M. R. Perumal Pillai.
" 4. B. Perumal Chetty.
" 5. V. N. Veloo.
Directors.

SHARE APPLICATION FORM

To
WOODBRIAR ESTATE LIMITED.
British Cochin, S. India.

Dear Sirs,

I/We remit herewith the sum of Rs. ..... being a 10 per share Ordinary shares deposit of Rs. 10 per share for ..... Preference shares 100 per debenture Debenture in the above named company. I/We request you to allot me/us that number of shares Debentures on the terms of the Company's prospectus and Memorandum and Articles of Association and I/We agree to accept the same or any smaller number allotted to me/us and I/We authorise you to register me/us as the holder for the shares allotted to me/us hereunder. debentures

Name in full .....
Occupation & Address .....
.....
Signature .....
Date .....

WOODBRIAR ESTATE LIMITED.

No. .....

Receipt of Application money.

RECEIVED this ..... day of ..... 1945 from ..... the sum of Rs. ..... 10 per share Ordinary shares being a deposit of 10 per share on ..... Preference shares 100 per debentures Debentures.

For WOODBRIAR ESTATE LIMITED
Per pro Krishnan Kutty & Veloo (India) Ltd.
Managing Agents.

Rs. .....

N. B. This receipt may be required to be exchanged for certificate. Hence please preserve.

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Produced & Directed by—
AMIYA CHAKRABARTY

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MAJESTIC
Daily: 4, 7, 10 p.m.
Advance Booking
3-30 to 6-30 p.m.

3RD WEEK OF TRIUMPH
KANAN MORE MELODIOUS THAN EVER!
IN
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HOSPITAL
Director: Sushil Mazumdar
Music: Kamal Dasgupta
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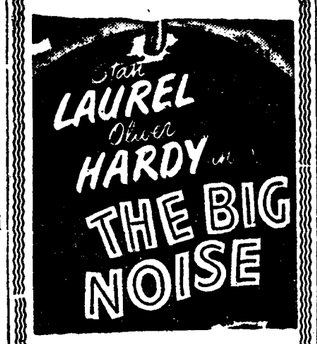
Jahar Ganguly
Devbala etc.
AT KAMAL
Daily: 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
Sun. and Holiday Mat. 1-30 p.m.
Advance Booking Morn.
10 to 12, Even. 3 to 6

THE HERO WITH A HEART OF GOLD!
JAYANT DESAI'S Mammoth Historical
SAMRAT CHANDRAGUPTA
Directed by JAYANT DESAI
Daily: 4, 7, 10. Sat. Sun. 1 p.m.
Plans open: 10 to 12, 3 to 6 p.m.
4th Week of Full Houses
NEW WEST END

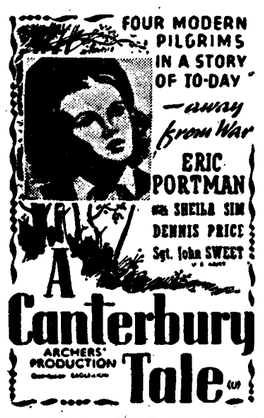
PRITHVIRAJ
Greets you again in
PRITHVI THEATRES
Hindustani Play
Shakuntala
with UZRA MUMTAZ
TODAY AT 10-30 A.M.
ROYAL OPERA HOUSE
Rates Rs. 5, 2-8, 1-4 As. 10

7th Houseful Week
SILVER FILMS Family Social
BARE NAWAB SAHEB
Chandramohan, Bibbo, Kumar, Pramila, Pahari
A Pearl Release
TAJ Daily: 4-30, 7-15 & 10-15 p.m.
Sat., Sun., Holidays 1-45 p.m.
Advance Booking
10-30 to 12 & 4-30 to 6

3rd Week of SMILES
Daily: 4, 7 & 9-45
Sat., Sun. Matinee at 1 p.m.
US PAR
with CHARLIE
CAPITOL
Booking 9-30 to 12-30 & 2-30 to 5
An EVERGREEN Release

REGAL
2ND WEEK!
At 4, 6-30 & 9-30 p.m.
EXTRA SHOW Sunday
10-30 A.M. (Morning prices)


Plus....Exclusive! Smuggled Film from Nazi territory:
March of Time's
"UNDERGROUND REPORT"
CAPITOL Sunday, 10 a.m.
"WAY OF ALL FLESH"
Akim Tamiroff



NEW EMPIRE
3-30, 6-30 & 9-30 p.m.

STRAND
Daily: 3-15 6-15 & 9-15 p.m.
SUSPENSE! TERROR and LOVE!
MERLE OBERON
FRANCHOT TONE
THOMAS MITCHELL
"DARK WATERS"
with REX INGRAM
NINA MAE McKINNEY
Sun. Morn. 10-30
KING OF KINGS

2nd WEEK!
THE ADVENTURES OF MARK TWAIN
3, 6-15 & 9-30 p.m.
EXCELSIOR

80th WEEK
RAJKAMAL'S & V. SHANTARAM'S
SHAKUNTALA
(All Coloured Copy)
Starring: JAYASHREE
Daily: 4, 7, 10. Sat., Sun., Today 1-15 p.m.
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THE FIRST LOVEABLE SHREW!
The one & only ENJOYABLE Picture in Town!
It's D.R.D.'s 'AINA' Directed by
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IMPERIAL
7th Full-House WEEK
Daily: 4, 7 & 10 Sat., Sun., Holidays Matinees 1-30 p.m.
Plans open: 10 to 12 & 4-30 to 6

CITY AND SUBURBS

To-day

Hindu: Chaitra Shud 10, 2001
Muslim: Rabi-ul-Akher 8, 1364
Parsi: Meher 21 1314
Sunrise: 7-41 a.m. Sunset: 7-51 p.m.
Hightide: 9-04, 22-34
Lowtide: 3-54, 15-26

Standing Committee meeting of the Bombay Municipal Corporation to-day, at 2-30 p m (B T).

To-day's Engagements

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Study Class on "Where are the Dead?" Jenangir Wadia Building, Flora Fountain, to-day, at 6-15 p.m.

ASTRONOMICAL WONDERS IN THE GREAT PYRAMID will be the subject of a public lecture in Gujarati to be delivered by Mr. R N Banaji, to-day (Friday) at 6-15 p m, at Sir C J Hall, under the auspices of the Rahnumai Sabha.

PAKISTAN DAY: Under the auspices of the Bombay Provincial Muslim League a public meeting of the Mussalmans of Bombay will be held to-day, at Kaiser Bagh, Dongri, Bombay, at 9-30 p m, to celebrate the Pakistan Day. Mr. I I Chundrigar M L A, President, Bombay Provincial Muslim League will preside.

STUDENTS' LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY: The 24th anniversary of the late Mr. G B Vaidya will be observed at the G B Vaidya Memorial Hall, Nowroji Seth Street, Thakurdwar, to-day, at 11-30 a m (S T), when Dr. Mrs. Hirabai J Joshi will preside and speak on the life and work of the late Mr. Vaidya.

LOKAMANYA SEVA MANDAL: A public meeting condemning gambling (Patjugar) in the Bombay mill area will be held under the presidentship of Mayor Nagindas Master to-day, at 7 p m (N S T), at Lal Maidan, Chinchpokli, Rao Bahadur S K Bole, Sjt. S K Patil, Dr. A P Naik and others will speak.

COMMISSIONER'S ROUND: The Municipal Commissoner and the Councillors of Ward No. 17 (Dadar Mahim) will meet near the junction of Lady Jamshedji Road and Lady Hardinge Road on Saturday, March 24, at 6-51 a m (B T), 8-30 a m (S T), to go round the ward.

Exhibition-Sale Of Home Arts & Crafts

With the object of encouraging local manufactured goods of indigenous articles including cloth, has been arranged at the Sir Cowasjee Jehangir Hall, from March 30 to April 4, where the general public can buy reliable articles at cheap rates. Stalls are offered to all manufacturers, traders, industrial institutions, etc., who prepare or deal in daily household articles like steel, leather goods, toilet requisites, hosiery clothings, presentation articles, etc. Stalls to all charitable institutions are offered free. Entrance to visitors would also be free. Stalls can be secured from the Exhibition Society's office in the Central Bank Building. (3rd floor, lift No. 4), Fort, Tel. No. 27154.

Dr. Iqbal's Anniversary

The Punjab Muslim Association, Bombay, has decided to celebrate this year the seventh death anniversary of Dr. S Muhammad Iqbal. The programme is as under:—

April 21: Prayers for the soul of Iqbal (6 to 7-30 p m), Speeches by well-known speakers on the various aspects of Dr. Iqbal's poetry and philosophy of life. (From 9-30 p m); April 22: Qawwali when only ghazals and poems of Iqbal will be sung. (From 9-30 p m); April 23: Moshaira (symposium of poets) when poets of All-India repute will recite their ghazals. (From 9-30 p m).

All these functions will take place at the Muhammad Haji Sabu Siddiq Institution, Shepherd Road, Bombay. The names of the speakers and poets will be announced later.

Kher Visits Danda Village

A batch of workers of the Bombay Suburban Social Service League, including Messrs. B G Kher and Shewak Bhojraj, Joint Secretaries visited the village Danda on March 21. An informal meeting of the residents was arranged, and Mr. B G Kher spoke to them on sanitation, adult education and evils of drinking, etc. They realised the necessity of working for the uplift of their village and propose to form for the purpose a Local Committee of the League next Sunday.

DEPUTATION TO GOVERNOR

Suggestions For Relieving Housing Shortage

BOMBAY, Thursday.

A deputation of prominent citizens led by Sir H. P. Mody waited on Sir Henry Knight, Acting Governor of Bombay, to-day, to represent the hardships of Bombay's public consequent on the requisitioning of houses in the city. It is understood the deputationists placed before Government suggestions for fulfilling the requirements of the military and Government in the matter of housing. One of the suggestions was that temporary structures should be put up at all open spaces available in the city for housing the Services personnel.

The deputationists included Sir Shapurji Billimoria, Dr. J. Alban D'Souza, Mr C. M. Eastley, Mr. I. I. Chundrigar, Mr. K. M. Munshi, Mr Pranlal Devkaran Nanjee, Mr. J. C. Lancashire, Sir Sorabji Saklatvala and Sir C. B. Mehta.

Major-General C. E. Beard, Area Commander, represented the point of view of the military.

Progressives To Protest

Since the Sheriff of Bombay is hesitating to call public meeting to protest against requisitioning of premises, the Progressive Group has come to the rescue of the suffering citizens of Bombay and breaking its convention of having its meetings only for its members and their guests has organized an open meeting at Green's to-day (Friday) at 6 p. m. to protest and agitate on their behalf.

The Mayor, Mr. Nagindas Master will inaugurate the meeting which will be addressed by several prominent citizens including Messrs. K. M. Munshi, K. F. Nariman, Naushir Bharucha and others.

Suiable resolutions will be passed at the meeting.

MINISTERS' COMMITTEE TO MEET AT GWALIOR

GWALIOR, March 19.

At the invitation of Gwalior Durbar the Ministers' Committee of the Chamber of Princes has agreed to hold its next session at Gwalior some time in April next.

STORIES OF GHOSTS, PIRATES AND CRIME

"Adventures Of Mark Twain" Stays On At Excelsior

By T. V. P.

With Charles Laughton, little Margaret O'Brien and Robert Young, and a story adapted from Oscar Wilde's celebrated tale, Metro-Goldwyn Mayer releases to-day "The Canterville Ghost" at Metro Theatre.

It is a whimsical picture, full of delighted humour and warm dramatic situations which all the family can enjoy. Brought up-to-date by Edwin Harvey Blum in an excellent and exciting script, "The Canterville Ghost" tells of a ghost (played by Laughton) who, because of cowardice in a duel during his life, has been forced to roam the broad halls of his English castle for more than 300 years. Not until one of his descendants performs an act of bravery in his name will he be rid of the curse and able to return to rest forever.

How the spirit of Sir Simon de Canterville finally is set to rest will keep you entranced.

"A CANTERBURY TALE"

"A Canterbury Tale" is a new story about England, her unchanging beauty and traditions, and of the Old Pilgrims and the New. "A Canterbury Tale" is a film by the Archers, written, produced and directed by Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger, two men who have already given adequate proof of their film craftmanship with the two world successes "49th Parallel" and "The Life and Death of Colonel Blimp", both outstanding pictures depicting the British spirit and character. The film opens to-day at New Empire thru Eagle Lion release.

The film is not a sermon—it is a new story about an old custom. Over five hundred years ago, in the fourteenth century, Chaucer wrote his poems about the pilgrims he saw making their way to St. Thomas Becket's shrine in Cantenbury Cathedral, where they went to seek a blessing or to do a penance. Eric Portman portrays the character of Thomas Colpeper, J. P. As a sincere lover of the country, its traditions and its lore, he is a man of kindly nature. In his anxiety to impart knowledge and enthusiasm to the people around him, he makes some grave mistakes and does his penance in Canterbury Cathedral.

"FRENCHMAN'S CREEK" AT EROS

The picturization of Daphne ('Rebecca') de Maurier's exciting classic of piracy and adventure of the seventeenth century is now on Eros screen. This Paramount picture is filmed in flamboyant echnicolor stars Academy Award Winner Joan Fontaine and the screen's new stellar sensation Arturo de Cordova, supported excellently by Basil Rathbone, Nigel Bruce, Cecil Kellaway and Ralph Forbes. Rich in excitement, thrills, adventure and sword battle this film is impressive both for its acting brilliance and its fine presentation.

"DARK WATERS" AT STRAND

"Dark Waters" at Strand is a thriller and has an exotic locale—the mysterious, little known country of Lousiania. Its setting, an old and run-down plantation mansion provides the proper mood of intrigue and suggested crime. The fogs which hang heavily over the swamps, the sound of strange croaking insects and the leap of oily frogs all add to the feeling of mystery and expectancy which are so deeply a part of this film. There is a beautiful girl—and a handsome man. The girl is Merle Oberon and Franchot Tone is co-starred with Miss Oberon.

FILMS IN SECOND WEEK

"The Big Noise" starring Laurel and Hardy is continued for another week at Regal "The Adventures Of Mark Twain" is continued for another week at Excelsior.

"Abroad With Two Yanks" will take the Aurora screen from Saturday.

"Four Jills In A Jeep" will take the Palace screen.

INDIAN LANGUAGES PAPERS' MEETING

A General Meeting of the Indian Language Newspapers' Association will be held at 138, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay on Sunday the 1st April, 1945 at 9 A.M.

"Tribune" Price Reduced

LAHORE, March 22.

The price of the "Tribune" was reduced from two annas to one and half annas per copy from March 22. —United Press.

Muzaffar Ahmed Elected Kisan Sabha President

BOMBAY, Thursday, (A.P.I.): Mr. Muzaffar Ahmad has been elected President of the ninth session of the All-India Kisan Sabha to be held at Netrakona, Bengal, announces Mr. M. A. Rasul, Joint Secretary of the Sabha. Mr. Ahmad secured an overwhelming majority over the only other candidate Pandit Jadunandan Sharma of Bihar at the election which took place on March 15.

Ichalkaranji Succession Inquiry

SANGLI, March 22. (A.P.I.): The Kolhapur Government, acting in consultation with the Crown Representative have, it is understood, appointed Mr. S. B. Dhavale, President of the Sangli State Executive Council and former Judge of the Patna High Court, as Commissioner to inquire into the question of Ichalkaranji succession. The enquiry will commence at Kolhapur on April 16 and expected to continue one week. It is understood that Mr. Dhavale will submit his report to the Prime Minister of Kolhapur.

LABOUR COMMISSIONER MADE JUDGE

BOMBAY, March 22. (A.P.I.): Mr. C. B. Constantine, at present Labour Commissioner, Bombay, has been appointed Additional Judge of the Chief Court of Sind, it is learnt here.

Mr. S. V. Joshi, assistant Labour Commissioner, will be acting in the place of Mr. Constantine.

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, March 22, (A P I): The following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at eight hours L M T on 19-3-1945:—
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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

One person I have to make good—Myself.

—Robert Louis Stevenson.

The Bombay Chronicle

COTTON CONFERENCE

The meeting of the International Cotton Committeee which is to be held on Monday at Washington is expected to be a prelude to a conference at which an agreement for all cotton producing and exporting countries will be proposed. For this conference the Government of India has nominated Mr. S. K. Kirpalani, Government of India's Trade Commissioner at New York and Mr. S. D. Chard, Controller of Raw Materials and Stores Office of the Textile Controller of Bombay. It would have been more appropriate if the Government of India had nominated non-official members, one representing cotton growers and the other representing the textile industry. The Government of the United States has been worried for many years by a steady increase in foreign production, particularly in cheap labour areas which has cut sharply into its export market. Cotton production plays an important part in the economic conditions of the United States of America and about twelve million people are engaged in this trade. In the year 1800 U. S. A. produced barely 3,000 bales but in 1925 the production shot up to 18 million bales. The income of the American Cotton growers in U. S. A. has been one-fourth of the entire income of farmers, and exports nearly amount to 40 per cent. of the value of all exported products. Thus raw cotton may be said to be the life-blood of the U. S. A. The American Government in its zeal to assist cotton growers enacted several measures with price control and created the Farm Board. The Government adopted loan-giving policy at a fixed price and introduced high tariff walls. The loans were given at much higher rates with a view to raising the income of American growers. These and several other measures encouraged production of raw cotton in other countries and year after year the U. S. A., the largest cotton producing country, met with increased competition. The farmers of India, China, Russia, Brazil, Egypt and Manchuria increased their cotton crops. The United States produced in 1914 about 16 million bales against 12 million bales of other countries. But now the States produce 12 million bales against 17 million bales of outside growth.

In this process India has remained comparatively backward, for which there are various reasons. India is the oldest cotton growing country, but 99 per cent. of agriculturists are illiterate and being of an extremely conservative temperament, have failed to adopt efficient labour-saving devices and have never known what is chemical manure. The Government of India has not been helpful in the matter. After the last world war, the Government hit hard Indian raw agricultural products by adopting the artificial exchange ratio of 1s. 6d. This resulted in lowering the price of raw cotton in this country and afforded no impetus to increase the total production for several years. This disparity at last resulted in the creation of the Indian Central Cotton Committee, which made several efforts to improve the quality of Indian cotton. India produced mostly short and medium staple cotton, the bulk of which was consumed by the European continent and Japan. To maintain our export trade, we had to enter into an agreement to import manufactured cotton goods against our exports of raw cotton. But now there is a definite change in the quality of Indian Cotton and out of the average annual production of 5 million bales, India produces 3 to 3 1/2 million bales which can offer effective competition to the American Cotton. But this change does not satisfy India's requirements as the per acre yield in this country is now about 100 lbs. of lint cotton against 290 lbs. in the U. S. A. This disparity will have to be remedied soon. If India is to improve her economic life appreciably after the war, the yield per acre will have to be raised by the adoption of improved farming methods and liberal use of fertilizers. India is making good headway towards self-sufficiency in the matter of textile production. Like the U. S. A. we have supplies of raw cotton at the door of our cotton mills and consumers all around. Thus we have a two-fold advantage of being producer and consumers, with vast potentialities for producing a cotton harvest rich both in quantity and quality. This position will be fully realised in any post-war economic planning.

The keen competition of outside growths of cotton has resulted in large accumulations of American cotton in the United States. The American Government is forced to accept the export subsidy approved by the American Congress in November last. With a view to avoiding subsidy payments on exports of U. S. A. cotton of 4 cents per lb. the American Government has called the International Cotton Advisory Committee and proposes to fix export quotas and regulate prices of different kinds of growths and thus overcome competition. It is feared that the U. S. A. Government will hold out the threat of export subsidy and if any agreement is arrived at will not be a lasting solution. The competition is not only of outside growths. Rayon and other artificial synthetic products also affect it. To overcome all these difficulties, it is essential to ascertain the economic necessity of the cotton growth of each country and allow sufficient margin to improve the economic life of the countries which offer competition as a result of cheap labour and thus regulate production and fix export quotas. An International Cotton Bank may be established to take possession of all available surplus and thus regulate international price of cotton. The United States of America has become enormously rich through cotton production during the last century. The American Government with its suicidal experiments with price control has defeated its own purpose by encouraging production in other countries. The present threat of export subsidy either on raw cotton or manufactured cotton goods, as desired by the veteran American merchant Mr. C. T. Revere will prove a gigantic financial blunder. The threat of subsidy will result in isolations and each cotton-producing country will be forced to enter into barter agreements of importing manufactured goods against exports of raw cotton. It will be far better for the American Government to secure the co-operation of all cotton producing countries by allowing due accommodation and adopting other measures helpful to all.

Frankly Speaking

The New World

Says a Reuter's telegram from Paris: "The Minister for Colonies, Paul Giocobbi, in a debate on Colonies in the French Consultative Assembly on Tuesday, disagreed that French Colonies should be placed under an international mandate. 'Lands shaped, fertilised and civilised by the blood and sweat of our children should remain under French sovereignty'." Nothing could be a more clear, concise and categorical declaration of Imperialism than this statement. We do not know M. Giocobbi's political complexion. But he was speaking on behalf of a French Government which includes Socialists and Communists too. This fact is, we emphasise again, significant. Taking Mr. Churchill's lead, every Imperialist nation proclaims its national determination "to hold what is ours." This is the so-called new world which is being brought into being under the auspices of the anti-Fascist "Democracies."

Zero Hour?

By now the American Third and Seventh Armies must between them have destroyed the whole German army in the Saar, west of the Rhine. It is a great victory because the Americans have captured a large area of great industrial and strategical importance and have also weakened, by liquidating a considerable force, German resistance across the Rhine. In addition to this development, the American First Army has extended and strengthened its Remagen bridgehead to such an extent that it is now in a position to go over to the offensive. In fact, the Germans say it has already launched the assault. They also report significant activities on Field-Marshal Montgomery's front. A military commentator said the other day that the Zero hour on the western front was fast approaching. We hope it has arrived.

Russo-Turkish Relations

Turko-Soviet relations had been heading towards a crisis for some time past. In fact, the beginning of the first discords between the two Powers which had for many years been bound together in friendship and solidarity by the common link of the hostility of the rest of Europe towards both, can be traced to the failure of Russia—the Russia of the Russo-German Treaty—to force Turkish repudiation of the Anglo-Franco-Turkish Treaty of Alliance. The situation, of course, changed after the German attack on Russia, but that particular trouble was not forgotten. In fact suspicions were sharpened by the fact that when Hitler on June 21, 1941, accused Russia of having demanded rights over the Dardanelles, M. Molotov's long and detailed reply given on the same day was silent on this point. The omission may have been inadvertent. But it did take the Russians some days to correct it and the delay could not naturally escape notice.

The Rub

Since then the Russian Press and Radio have been more critical of Turkey than otherwise and that attitude has gradually been growing sharply. This development obviously represented Russian policy. There can be two opinions on the claim of the Editor of "War and the Working Class" that the state and people of Russia are one, but there cannot be two opinions that the state and the Russian press are one. The attitude of the press had, therefore, prepared the world for some such move as "Izvestia" has now officially announced. The principles that according to "Izvestia" justify the termination of the 1925 Treaty are unexceptionable. They should govern the duration, character and sanctity of all Treaties. If a treaty "no longer corresponds to new conditions", it should be changed and modified. But where does it need "considerable improvement"? There's the rub. The treaty conceded to Turkey the very just rights of sovereignty over and guardianship of the Dardanelles. Russia shows signs of demanding a measure of control over them. By what right or logic? According to "Izvestia" itself the United Nations are "building the foundation of a firm and enduring peace among all freedom loving peoples". The "new conditions", therefore rule out war and "improvement" does not constitute control over the Dardanelles as a measure of future military security. And what about the Moscow Declaration and the Atlantic Charter guaranteefng the integrity and sovereignty of nations and countries in Europe?

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Broad hints are wasted on narrow minded people.

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Gossip has a thousand tongues and they work overtime.

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Truth may be eclipsed, but it cannot be extinguished.

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Nothing destroys the memory of a man like doing him a favour.

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No matter how often a man's heart is shattered, it is always good for another break.

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A woman always thinks she is better than other women, and a man always thinks he is no worse than other men.

"Dnyan Prakash" Editor On A.-I. Editors' Executive

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Mr. S. A. Brelvi, President, All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference, has nominated Mr. S. G. Vaze, Editor, "Dnyan Prakash", Poona, as a member of the Standing Committee of the Conference.

U. S. Not To Suggest Trusteeship For Colonies

WASHINGTON, March 22 (U. P. A.): The United States will refrain from even suggesting that any of the United Nations should turn over their colonial holdings to an international trusteeship, it was learned today.

It is their proposal that trusteeships shall apply to old mandates of the League of Nations or to former Axis colonies occupied by the Allies. They might be extended to Korea which has been promised independence in "due course."

However, the United States would welcome any step taken by the United Nations to turn over their holdings to such a new system.

Pangire Outrage Episode

(BY M. M. JAPE, BAR-AT-LAW).

The "Times of India" in its editorial on 17-3-45 has justified the press-note issued by the Regency Council early in January in respect of the Pangire Episode. It claims that the inquiry was final—all was now well.

The inquiry by the State authorities was anything but satisfactory. It was not an open or public inquiry much less a judicial inquiry. How could witnesss give fearless answers before the Police? The public must know that the victims who were tortured—were not even examined by the State authorities. It is significant that one Rakhmabai, who met Kashibai immediately after the incident and who saw her bleeding was not examined in those investigations. If the press-note is correct and if there was no outrage on Kashibai why was she admitted to Hospital for three days and why had Sub-Inspector Ingavle visited the Hospital during that time?

Even the press-note issued by the Regency Council on 2-1-45 says that Mr. Ingavle confessed having kicked the two victims of the outrage and that medical evidence corroborated the same. Does this not call for prosecution? How can mere departmental action inspire confidence?

The "Times of India" in its editorial does not even make any mention of the enquiry made by a committee consisting of 4 Pleaders of Kolhapur and one Miss Vatsala Redkar. The Committee made thorough inquiries—though under great handicaps and issued their report on 13-2-45. The story of Kashibai Hanbar is fully proved by the evidence as disclosed therein. There are neighbours who heard the cries. Four Sanadis and Patil of the place who are all connected with Government machinery clearly testify to the story of the outrage. Why should they tell lies? And is it possible that Kashibai, a simple illiterate woman of a village will tell a false story to her own shame that her clothes were stripped off and that her honour was violated and she was molested in such a shameful way? It is a psychological impossibility unless her indignation and desire for justice compels her to bring out the truth.

The press and the public, therefore, will carry on their campaign for justice—till justice is given to Kashibai and other victims.

The least the Kolhapur Government can do is to set up an independent judicial Committee to inquire into this whole tragic tale of outrage.

Negroes Fight Nordic Aryans

Patton's Armour Enters Ludwigshaven

REMAGEN BRIDGEHEAD, GERMANY, March 22 (A. P. A.): Negro infantry who left their jobs in the rear echelons voluntarily for combat duty are fighting on the forefront of the hostilities over the Rhine. It is the first time Negro troops have been used in Western front combat.

Early reports from a white officer said the Negroes had given a good account of themselves alongside white troops.

INTO LUDWIGSHAVEN

SHAEF, March 22 (A. P. A.): In the final phases of the clean-up battle to the south Gen. Patton's armour gouged into Ludwigshaven, chemical capital of Germany, on the Rhine, opposite Mannheim.

The crumbling German position west of the Rhine had dwindled to a mere bridgehead 35 miles deep to Pirmasens and only 19 miles wide between Neustadt and Dorrenbach.

The First Army widened its bridgehead on the west bank of the Rhine to almost half the distance between Cologne and Coblenz and closed up the Sieg River in new gains.

The 90th Infantry still was not yet reported to have cleared Mainz, but the Fourth Armoured Division had veered north from Worms and was closing in upon the city in a supporting thrust.

Two columns of Gen. Patton's "mystery" armoured division hit Ludwigshaven. One burst straight through to the Rhine bank and the other reached the Rhine just north of the outskirts.

To the south the Third and Seventh Armies slashed across the last eastward gateway road from the Palatinate pocket, virtually cutting off the whole German bridgehead on the east side of the Rhine reaching to Pirmasens. At the narrow neck between Seventh Army Infantry in Dorrenbach and the Third Army armour across the road just west of Landau this crumbling sector was pinched to a width of seven miles.

ANOTHER NAZI PEACE MOVE DENIED

DUBLIN, March 22 (Reutef): The American Minister in Dublin, Mr. David Grey, to-day denied any knowledge of a German peace proposals which a Swiss radio report said yesterday had been transmitted by the German Minister in Dublin to Prime Minister de Valera for forwarding to "The American Ambassador to Eire." The Government Information Bureau in Dublin said that there was no truth in the report.

7,000 Allied Bombers Pound Germany

LONDON, March 22, (A P A): In complete reports this evening indicated that as many as 7,000 Allied warplanes attacked Germany to-day.

Our Readers' Views

Plea For A Marathi University

I have read the stimulating contribution on this subject by Professor M. D. Altekar in the "Bombay Chronicle Weekly" of March 11. One of the principal objections of the writer is that the medium of instruction in the Maharashtra University proposed by the Jayakar Committee would be in English. With this objection, I am in whole-hearted accord.

I have experience both of persons entirely unacquainted with the English language and those well conversant with the English language and I have noticed this difference between them, viz. that whereas in the case of the former, "naisargic" (in born) culture comes out in conception, thought and word, in the case of the latter, the inborn culture is stifled, super-imposed and stifled by the alien culture, and the individual is rendered a mere copyist of Western conception, thought and word. The English language, being taught to our children from their infancy, deprives their innate culture from sprouting up at all, so that it gets no chance of development, which, if allowed, would not only give to Indian culture an opportunity to manifest its superiority over Western culture, but would go a great way to harmonise the life of the individual to his or her environments.

The English language is persuasive and pervasive. Speaking by and large, once it is allowed to gain predominance over the language of birth, it alters the mentality and outlook of the individual. The individual becomes totally unable to do any creative thinking, much less any creative thinking in his mother tongue, and learns to lean on and look exclusively to the West for inspiration, guidance, and in fact, any movement at all. This is scarcely a healthy sign of growth or a thing to be desired.

It is most depressing to see a young student working his way slowly through a foreign tongue and having to learn subjects, e.g., Indian history and mathematics and to read even Sanskrit test books and grammar, with an English dictionary at his elbow.

I congratulate the learned professor upon his vigorous hitting out in favour of imparting education of all kind in our cultural languages and wish him God speed in his good work.

N. H. PANDIA.

JAP PREMIER SOUNDS GLOOMY NOTE

Threat Of Invasion Of Homeland Increased By Loss Of Iwojima

But Koiso Says There Will Be No Unconditional Surrender

WASHINGTON, March 22 (A. P. A.): Premier Koiso told the Japanese people that United States forces are planning to invade their homeland and declared "the loss of Iwojima is the most unfortunate thing in the whole war situation."

He spoke gloomily on a domestic broadcast recorded by the Federal Communications Commission, pointing out America's "numerical superiority", but said, "there will be no unconditional surrender."

FALL IN JAPANESE PRODUCTION

New York reported a Japanese broadcast stating that Koiso told the Diet that the Government policies had "admittedly been inadequate" and "sad to say" Japan had been unable to produce as much as she desired.

The broadcast dispatch from Domei, said Koiso made these remarks in replying to questions at a meeting of the Budget Committee.

THREE MILLION EVACUATED

Another broadcast from Tokyo said nearly three million Japanese have been evacuated from the capital and steps are being taken to remove the rest of the population to dispersal areas in order to cut down casualties in the rolling Allied air attacks on the Japanese homeland.

Tokyo quoted the Japanese Minister of the Interior as declaring in a Diet statement that "already the civilian population in the capital has shrunk to less than four million".

War Minister Lt.-Gen. Shibayamain, told the Diet: "If the enemy really attempts to land on the Japanese main islands, the Japanese forces will annihilate him at sea. Should the enemy after all be able to land, then the Japanese superior forces will utterly crush him on the beaches".

In a broadcast to the nation, Premier Koiso said: "The enemy has brought his murderous attacks to the very homes of our people and has even violated with bombs and fires some of the most sacred shrines of the Shintoist religion and the Imperial residence. We are taking all necessary steps to bring a remedy to the impending crisis and to the threatened assault to our home shores. The decisive battle for survival of the Japanese Empire will soon be fought for the death or life of our Yamato race.

"The issue is: Death or Victory"!

Super-Forts Raid Formosa

Tokyo radio reported to-day that big formations of Super-Fortresses and Liberator heavy bombers and P-38 fighter planes yesterday attacked Pinan on Formosa. There was no hint as to where the four-engine bombers of the B-29 and B-24 types came from but it is likely that the fighters reached Formosa from newly-won American bases in the northern Philippines.

TAN ON HAINAN RAIDED

Tokyo radio also reported to-day that mixed forces of about 120 planes of the Super-Fortress and Liberator heavy bomber types and P-38 fighters yesterday raided Tan on Hainan Island, off the Indo-China mainland. It added that damage was "very small".

Iwojima's Late Jap Commander's Prophecy

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22. (A.P. A.): A Domei broadcast recorded by the Federal Communications Commission indicated to-day that Lt.-Gen. Tadamithi Kuribayashi, Commander of the Japanese garrison on Iwojima, was killed March 16 after he had sent "most profound regrets" to Hirohito for the loss of the strategic island 750 miles south of Tokyo.

The General promised his Emperor, the Tokyo broadcast said, he would "change into a spirit to become the forerunner of the Imperial Army's rally with increased force".

Domei said the message was issued before the General led his troops into the "final charge".

The General's parting prophecy, as quoted on the Tokyo radio: "Unless we retake this island the Empire can never be safe externally".

American planes already were using Iwojima for basing operations against Japan.

JAP CONVOY DESTROYED

GEN. MACARTHUR'S HQ., March 22. (Reuter): To-day's Pacific Communique reports air blows against Japanese ships "attempting to run our blockade" off the China coast. A Japanese convoy of six ships off Amoy was practically destroyed. A 6,000-ton freighter transport and two destroyer escorts were sunk, two freighter transports of 7,000-tons set on fire and probably destroyed and a destroyer damaged. Other air successes against Japanese shipping reported in the Communique are destruction of two midget submarines at Davao and sinking of two freighter transport at Brunei Bay.

In New Guinea ground forces advancing towards Wewak occupied the But aerodrome and the Wharf area.

AUSTRALIANS DESTROY 29 JAP SHIPS

CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA, March 22. (A.P.A.): Australian planes based in North-western Australia destroyed 29 Japanese ships and damaged 32 others in February, it was announced to-day by Air Minister Drakeford.

'SUPER-FORTS' FROM INDIA RAID RANGOON

TWENTIETH BOMBER COMMAND HQ., March 22 (A. P. I.): It is officially stated that a "sizable" force of Super-Fortresses today bombed Rangoon for the fourth time as principal target.

Explosions and fires were observed in the target areas—storage dumps on the shores of Lake Victoria and the Mingaladon airfield cantonment.

There was medium attack and some Japanese fighters intercepted but none of the attacking planes was lost.

The results observed are reported "good to excellency."

WASHINGTON, March 22 (A. P. A.): Indications were that upwards of 100 Super-Fortresses participated in the attack.

Br. Destroyers Shell Sumatra Coast

LONDON, March 22 (Reuter): The Japanese News Agency reported today that three British destroyers "of a larger type" bombarded the northern coast of Atjeh province in Japanese occupied Sumatra (Dutch East Indies) on Sunday.

On Burma Front

KANDY, March 22 (A. P. I.): To-day's S.E.A.C. Communique says:—FOURTEENTH ARMY FRONT: Between Mandalay and the Myitnge River to the south pockets of Japanese resistance are being mopped-up.

Armoured forces of the 33rd Corps striking southwards have made further progress.

At Myingyan sharp fighting continues. Our troops are firmly established in the southern part of the town; the northern area is burning.

Progress towards the oilfields region has been maintained.

NORTHERN COMBAT AREA: Our troops of the Chinese First Army are now 25 miles south-west of Lashio on the Lashio-Hsipaw Road. In the Hsipaw sector mopping-up operations continue.

Troops of the British 36th Division are advancing from Mogok along the Mogok-Mong Long-Kyaukme Road.

Three enemy aircraft were destroyed and barracks and revetments strafed during fighter sweeps over Tavoy and Moulmein. Heavy bombers wrecked two road bridges and two railway bridges on the Pegu-Martaban line. One Allied aircraft is missing.

UNION JACK ON FORT DUFFERIN BATTLEMENTS

ADV. HQ., ALPSEA, March 22 (A. P. I.): Driving between lines of cheering troops, Lt.-Gen. Sir William Slim, 14th Army Commander, with Maj.-Gen. T. W. Rees, Commander of 19th Indian Division, seated beside him, entered Fort Dufferin, Mandalay, for the official ceremony of hoisting the Union Jack over the battlements.

A platform and flagpole had been set up in the centre of an improvised parade ground within the Fort and round the fringes of the ground British, Indian and Gurkha troops all of whom had taken part in the fall of Mandalay, formed a square.

The Army Commander took the salute and then inspected the men who had captured the Fort. After the ceremony of raising the Union Jack, Gen. Slim called for three cheers and addressed the troops.

Indians Form 2/3 Of Br. Forces In Burma

WASHINGTON, March 22 (A. P. A.): Frank Owen gave an interview yesterday telling Americans about the "forgotten front" in Burma where he is a major on Admiral Mountbatten's South-East Asia staff.

Owen, a member of Parliament at 23, and editor of the London "Evening Standard" at 32, grimly told Washington correspondents that Burma has been "a great killing field for the Japs."

He estimated a total of 100,000 Japanese had been killed there thus far and another 50,000 would be slain in the Mandalay area.

Owen paid particular tribute to Indian troops, saying they constituted two-thirds of Britain's combat effectives in Burma.

Chinese Break Into Tayu

CHUNGKING, March 22 (A. P. A.): Counter-attacking Chinese broke through the north gate of the walled southern Kiangsi town of Tayu in the heart of China's wolfram mining districts, the High Command announced yesterday.

Chinese were encountering stubborn resistance in street fighting.

On the Hunan front reinforced Chinese on March 18 repulsed two Japanese columns which struck Chiang's forces near Kwangtung's border.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

SHILLONG, March 22.: The Ministerialist Party in the Assam Legislative Assembly has, it is understood, accepted the Congress Party's terms for the formation of a Coalition Ministry which will enjoy the confidence and support of all parties and has authorised its leader, Sir Muhammad Saadulla to negotiate further with the leaders of Opposition Parties on some minor details.

—A. P. I.

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WASHINGTON: Each nation attending the San Francisco Conference starting on April 25 will have one vote, said a State Department spokesman.

—Reuter.

Britain will thus have 1 plus 1 vote.

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Bravo Sir Nazimuddin of Bengal. He has proclaimed himself bound by a solemn voluntary.

If he was personally satisfied about its desirability he would advise the Governor to release Bengal detenus. Clear? Good.

Second in case the advice was rejected then if (a) the political organisation to which he belonged (b) the Muslim League Parliamentary Board and (c) the members of the Coalition Party advised him to resign on this issue, he would do so.

Could there be anything more reassuring than this four-cornered guarantee—to remain in office?

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Having expressed profound thankfulness for the existence of the British Empire during the war crisis, Colonel Oliver Stanley Colonial Secretary, said in London: "After the war we have got to depend as never before upon our export trade—that comfortable cushion on which we sat so long like our fathers and grandfathers before us. We are sitting now on bare boards".

Quite so. But, of course, there is still the British Empire to provide comfortable cushions for Colonel Stanley and his sons and grandsons.

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Added Colonel Stanley in an outburst of generous frankness: "Nearly half of Britain's soap ration and nearly half the fat ration came from the Colonial Empire".

And they want to internationalise Britain's Colonial Empire! The unclean, fatless cynics!

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A severe earthquake is reported to have rocked Turkey the other day.

But that is nothing; a more violent earthquake than mother earth's internal rumblings has just given notice of visiting poor Turkey.

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In connection with Russia's termination of the Soviet-Turkish Treaty of 1925, "Izvestia" says: "Owing to the great changes which have taken place particularly during the second war this treaty no longer corresponds to new conditions and needs considerable improvement".

We fully and thoroughly agree. Now that the Big Four are about to outlaw war and establish Security and Peace, the new conditions thus created demand considerable improvement in the present status of the Dardanelles for ensuring Russia's military security in the event of war.

You are afraid you don't follow the argument?

Actually we too don't. But this is strictly in confidence.

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ROOSEVELT REBUKES STALIN?
—Headline.

How dare he?

Labour Reaction To Wavell's Visit

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consultations, he is coming here without any indication as to the intentions of the Congress Party or its leaders.

Members of Parliament take note of the fact that if Lord Wavell had conferred with Mahatma Gandhi prior to his departure to London he would have been better informed about the attitude of the Congress Party. Similarly Governors of the Provinces which are being governed under Sec. 93 have not summoned Legislatures nor have they sent for leaders of the Congress Party in these Legislatures. If they had taken steps to do so it would have helped them to gauge the Congress pulse inside these Legislatures. Then there is the failure to release members of the Congress Working Committee at present in jail.

Of course, there is a vague feeling in Parliamentary circles that Whitehall has moved a few yards—just a few yards, it appears—to be in no mood even indirectly to encourage any more agitation for Pakistan.

It is also realised that Mr. Amery is now willing to concede more importance than he was prepared to do a few months ago to the Sapru Committee.

There is further suspicion that perhaps the City of London may be getting restless and overworked by the trend of Dollar Imperialism. Only a few months ago the spokesman for Wall Street assured the leaders of Indian industries that they were prepared to oversubscribe 750 million sterling provided these investments would not be used for developing industries likely to compete with American products in the Asiatic markets. Therefore as a concession to British big business of which Lord Linlithgow is now one of the leading lights we may see Whitehall trying to reach an understanding with the Party it has shackled and declared illegal.

BHULABHAI FORMULA

According to this morning's "Daily Telegraph" "one of the subjects which it is believed the Viceroy will discuss with the Cabinet is the proposal for reconstructing the Government of India to include popular representative. This was made by Mr. Bhulabhai Desai leader of the Congress Party in the Central Legislative Assembly."

Lord Wavell's visit may also help to find a suitable method to nullify the London "Times'" repeated assertion that there is suspicion throughout India about Britain's intentions.

Prosperity For 2 Years After End Of War

Apollo Mills' Chairman On Prospects Of Mill Industry

Annual General Meeting of shareholders held on 22nd March 1945.

Presiding over the Annual General Meeting of the Apollo Mills Ltd., held on 22nd March 1945, Mr. C. H. Bhabha, M.A., B.Com., J.P., referred to the one great and laudable result that the textile control had achieved was a substantial reduction of the prices of cotton goods. He sounded a note of regret that "in spite of the vehement efforts and best intentions of the authorities, it has failed to provide cloth to the ordinary man in the country." He attributed this to the control having been imposed from the wrong end and was heartened by the reports that this defect was being gradually appreciated and an effective control over the basic distributive side is now tried to be enforced. He felt that this would lead to the achievement of the long cherished hope of an equitable distribution among the masses of the country.

Mr. Bhabha further observed that during the year under review, before providing for Depreciation and Taxation a profit of Rs. 53,14,295 has been recorded. The Company has been able to set apart after meeting Taxation and Depreciation charges, a sum of Rs. 6,25,000 for payment of dividends. This figure indicates a return of 12.50% on the Capital invested by the shareholders. This year, there is, of course, a fall in the profit. The fall is due to successive reductions in the ceiling prices of cloth and yarn unaccompanied by any reduction in the cost of production. But the reduced profit does not necessarily connote any reduced ability of the Company.

Our liabilities during the year under review are a little lower than those of last year and they are well covered by Floating Assets. This reveals the position of the Company, as satisfactory.

Speaking regarding the recent Taxation Proposals vis a vis the Mill Industry, I should state that the status quo is being kept up. The profit-devouring E.P.T. along with the scheme of compulsory deposits for one year at least will continue as also the iniquitous Corporation Tax which hits the small investors. This taxation coupled with the pay-in-advance Income-tax will necessarily deplete the liquid resources of the Company.

Regarding the prospects of the Mill Industry, speaking from the short range point of view, I feel optimistic about a period of 2 to 3 years after the cessation of hostilities when the World will be short of stocks and there will be a great demand for cloth. During this period, there will be no price-cutting competition in the Home Market and from abroad and our Mills will be running at full capacity and be selling cloth at remunerative rates. But speaking from the Long-range-point-of-view, we will have to be prepared for a very keen competition from Overseas Manufacturers equipped with the latest machinery fitted with the latest innovations. Bearing this in mind, our long-term reconstruction plans in respect of renovations and replacements should not be haphazard or amateurish. This should be in accordance with our peculiar requirements and should be prepared with due regard to our probable earnings in normal times on the Capital outlay.

There has been a move in certain quarters requesting Government for giving facilities for importing reconditioned machinery. This move is to be deprecated. Obviously, Reconditioned Machinery can never stand competition with the most up-to-date machinery.

Remove "Blot" Of Congress Muslim Ministry In Frontier Province

But Re-establishment Of League Govt. "Is Not All," Says Jinnah In "Pakistan Day" Message

NEW DELHI, March 22. (A.P.I.): An appeal to Muslims to take a solemn oath that they would not falter or fail to make all sacrifices for the establishment of Pakistan is made by Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the All-India Muslim League, in the course of a "Pakistan Day" message.

Mr. Jinnah says: "To-day is the fifth anniversary of our solemn declaration that was made in the open sessions of the All-India Muslim League at Lahore on March 23, 1940, defining once for all our national goal of Pakistan. This is our irrevocable and unalterable national demand. Muslim India will not rest content till we have fully realized, achieved and established Pakistan in the north-western and eastern zones of this sub-continent. It is as you know a struggle of life and death for Muslim India. In Pakistan lies our deliverance, defence and honour. If we fail, we perish and there will be no sign or symptom of Muslims or Islam left in this sub-continent. This is the stupendous task that you have in front of you.

"I see powers working round us and our enemies are active, but let us go forward undaunted, fearless without flattering. I have sufficient information from all parts of India and I have my finger on the pulse of Muslim India and I feel confident that ten crores of Musalmans will stand as one man at any critical moment and will not hesitate to make every sacrifice if we are to be thwarted. Ignored or by-passed by those in power in this land or any party or organisation.

"PAKISTAN IN OUR GRASP"

"I am confident that Pakistan is within our grasp. It is already there in action and it is by our efforts in those provinces of ours like Sind, Baluchistan, North-West Frontier, Punjab, Bengal and Assam to seize all the power that is available to us at present and it is open for us to do so. If the Muslims stand united and give up their personal quarrels for the sake of our sacred and noble cause, I have no doubt in my mind that these provinces can be fully and effectively captured by us even under the present constitution such as it is.

"I know that intrigues recently shook the Muslim League Ministry in Sind. That was entirely due to want of solidarity and unity among the Musalmans. I know that for similar reasons, in the North-West Frontier Province the Muslim League Ministry was defeated and the Congress Muslims under the order from Wardha have accepted office throwing away all their fundamental principles to the four winds. It was recently announced by a Congress leader, after his interview with Mr. Gandhi, that it was done to put down the Muslim "fanaticism" and establish fully the influence of the Congress over the North-West Frontier Province. It is not possible to believe that any Musalman who has got the slightest self-respect and an iota of pride left in him, can tolerate a ministry in a Muslim majority province, which takes order from and is subject to the control of Mr. Gandhi at Sevagram or the Congress, who are deadly opponents of all Muslim aspirations and their national demands. This is a blot on the fair name of the province and I appeal to every Musalman in the North-West Frontier Province to organize the League and remove this blot. Of course the fall of the ministry or the establishment of a Muslim League Ministry is not all.

"It is only a means to an end. Let me now warn and caution every province that they should from now begin to systematically organize themselves. New elections may take place sooner or later under the present constitution and they may come upon us sooner than we imagine and, therefore, from now onwards I urge upon the Committee of Action, the Central Parliamentary Board and all the provincial Muslim Leagues immediately to get ready for this coming fight that we have to face. These elections and their results will be one of the important criterions by which the strength and the power of the All-India Muslim League will be judged not only in this country but specially abroad.

"I therefore most fervently appeal to you that on this national day reaffirm you solemn declaration for Pakistan. Insha-Allah we shall win".

LEAGUE SESSION NOT BEFORE END OF APRIL

LAHORE, March 22. (O.P.I.): It appears from all indications that the annual session of the Muslim League will not be held before the end of April although all preparations in connection with the session are going on briskly.

MADRAS GOVERNOR NOT TO INTERVENE

Kulasekharapatnam Mercy Petition

MADRAS, March 22 (A. P. I.): It is officially learnt that His Excellency the Governor of Madras has refused to intervene in the mercy petition filed on behalf of the two prisoners in the Kulasekharapatnam Murder Case who have been sentenced to death. The matter is now before the Viceroy.

Modifications In Adarkar's Report

NEW DELHI, March 22.

A fundamental change in the organisation of medical service and the integration of Maternity Benefit and Workmen's Compensation in the Health Insurance Scheme are the chief modifications in Prof. Adarkar's report suggested by Mr. M. Stack and Mr. B. Rao who have been deputed by the International Labour Office to examine and advise the Government of India on the report.

WHAT BRITISH ARE RESISTING IN INDIA

Russian Magazine's Observation

MOSCOW, March 22. (A.P.A.): The magazine "War and the Working Class" pointed to-day to the failure of "German and Japanese agents to incite colonial peoples against the principal powers in the democratic camp", but added, "It is obvious that the system of colonial enslavement of millions is a dangerous obstacle on the path of social progress".

The magazine said that the Atlantic Charter's interpretation varied among the Allied countries with regard to the colonial question, with Americans seeking "spheres of unhindered investment for American capital and free markets for American goods", while, it added, British circles are resisting this more in India.

New York To Calcutta In 69 Hours!

CALCUTTA, March 21. (A.P.I.): Winging on its way back home is a C-54 luxury Airliner, the first Air Transport Command airplane to fly a round trip bearing passengers on a regular schedule from New York to Calcutta, says an official statement.

This new service from points in the United States to places in India operates regularly on fast through schedules. Coming from the U.S. to India, the flight is scheduled to take 69 hours, and going home, because of difference in prevailing wind, 74 hours and 20 minutes.

Coming out, the plane travelled 'via' New York, Bermuda, the Azores, Casablanca, Tripoli, Cairo, Abadan, Karachi and Calcutta. The return route is the same, except that it will take the aircraft 'via' Washington instead of New York.

This new New York-Calcutta schedule cuts down still further round-the-world flying time 'via' A.T.C., for from Calcutta, priority passengers may board a plane which will take them to Ceylon and Australia, through the facilities of the India-China division of A.T.C., and thence through the Pacific and back to the United States.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

CALCUTTA, March 22.

The Market practically ruled steady and unchanged.

Following are to-day's final transaction upto 3-00 p.m.: Three per cent defence bonds 1946 102/6, three per cent defence loan 1949/52, 101/9, three per cent loan 1951/54 100/15, three per cent loan 1953/55, 100/3, S. Lot three per cent victory bonds 1957 99/13, three half per cent Govt. paper 99/11, four half per cent loan 1955/60, 116/15, S. Lot five per cent loan 1945/55 102/6, Imperial Bank (fully paid) 1979/- Reserve Bank 134/-.

COTTONS: Benares cotton 12/4, Dunbar 311/-.

COALS: Bhalgora 20/6, Burrakur 42/3, East Indian 38/8, Ghusickand Muslia 16/4, Newbeerbhoom 40/2, Searsole 12/11, South Karanpura 29/12, Dhemo Main 28/-, Equitable 68/8, Nazira 21/14, New Churulia 13/11, Satpukuria and Asansol 10/15, S. T. Sendra 24/8.

JUTES: Anglo-India 467, Champadany 261, S. Lot Cheviot 320, Dalhousie 348, Howrah 89/7, Kamarhatty 690, Kanknarrah 578, Orient 275, Reliance 76/14, Barnagore 226, Ganges 556, India 702, Megna 126, National 33/14, Presidency 12/7.

MISCELLANEOUS: Burma Corpn. 5/6, Indian Copper 3, Consolidated Tin 3/10, Tavoy Tin 2/15, Rhodesia Copper 2/4, Assam Bengal cement 17/8, Dalmia cement 17, Alkali and Chemical 28/4, Arthur Butler 24/8, Exdiv. Indian Iron 39/15, Kumardhubi Eng. 11/4, Saran Eng. 9/13, Jessop and Co. 24/8, Steel Corpn. 33, Aluminium Corpn. 15/7, Calcutta Trams 45/8, Indian National Airways 25/4, National Insulated Cable 14/6, C. T. Rohtas Industries 16/10, Spencer and Co. 14, British Burma Petroleum 5/5, Bengal paper 227, S. Lot Orient paper 31/12, S. T. Titaghur paper 27/14, Midnapore Zamindary 175/8.

SUGARS: Carew 27/6, New Savan 26/10, Ramnugger Cane 15/3, Ryam 42/12.

TEAS: Arcuttipore 18/14, Central Cachar 128, C. T. East India 17/12, Jaybirpara 41/8, Rutema 19/8, Tezpore, 21/12.—A. P.

AHMEDABAD SHARE MARKET

AHMEDABAD, March 22.

Liquidation by bull operators on considerable scale around 1481 in Calico was only feature of to-day's session.

Closing Shares:—

Calico 1480, Ambika 501, Jupiter 377, Ashok 590, Arvind 1515, Jagdish 201/4/0, New Cotton 495, New Textile 935, New Commercial 773/12/0, New National 431/4/0, Bulakhidas 342/8/0, Bharat Suryodaya 123/12/0, Manekial Harilal 440, Morris 156, Marsdon 194, Monogram 168, Rajnagar 405 Rohit 395, Lalmill 395, Sarasput 601, Harivallabh Muichand 1775.

WEAKNESS IN CHICAGO GRAIN

CHICAGO, March 21, (U P A): Grain prices weakened with the favourable war news on the Chicago Commodity Exchange to-day.

The decline began late in the session when stop-loss selling developed in rye contracts which fluctuated widely.

Long liquidation selling developed in wheat after an early firmness, traders showing caution regarding the favourable war news.

COTTON REACHES LOW PRICES

NEW YORK, March 21, (U P A): Cotton prices reached the lowest levels for nearly two years when favourable war developments touched off an active selling movement on the New York Cotton Exchange to-day.

Buyers became more indifferent as offerings increased. A momentary steadiness at the opening reflected further price fixing against recent Belgian acceptances of around 45,000 bales and reports of further enquiries from Spain.

GOVERNMENT TO PURCHASE ASSAM RAILWAY

LONDON, March 22, (A P A): Following the decision of the Government of India to purchase the rail system of the Assam Railways and Trading Company for 1,770 thousand pounds, holders of one million pounds in outstanding 5 1/2 per cent mortgage debenture stock have been invited to accept redemption on or before July 1 at 108 pounds with interest to date.

The stock was last dealt in at 104.75 pounds per share.

The proposal will be considered on April 5.

Admiral Leahy, Chief of Staff to U. S. President, stands by with an interpreter during the recent conversation between King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia and President Franklin D. Roosevelt aboard an U. S. Cruiser.

"Freedom Of India Implies Freedom Of Muslims"

JAMIAT ULEMA'S CONSTITUTIONAL SCHEME TO END DEADLOCK

The following is the resolution passed at the meeting of the Working Committee of the A.-I. Jamiat Ulema held recently at Delhi:—

"This meeting of the Working Committee of the A.-I. Jamiat Ulema considers the state of present deadlock dangerous for the nation and country and fatal for life and progress of the people. It is evident that almost political parties of note and the people in general are deeply anxious to attain freedom, which has given rise to various proposals and formula published by political parties and even individuals on their own. The Working Committee has defined its stand in this respect in resolution 4 of the Lahore Session held in 1942. It now reaffirms the said resolution and considers it proper to elucidate its last portion. It is an established fact that India cannot achieve freedom, unless a united demand for freedom is put forward reinforced by the United Front of People, and any delay in formulating the agreed national demand and that of the United Front will only prolong the period of their slavery.

UNITED DEMAND

In the opinion of the Jamiat Ulema, the best interest of Indians in general and the Musalmans in particular will be served by securing agreement on the following points and by confronting the British Government with their united demand.

That (a) we stand for complete independence as our goal.

(b) That freedom of India implies the freedom of the Musalmans, their religion, culture and civilisation. No constitution will be acceptable to them, unless it is based on the conception of such freedoms.

(c) We stand for full rights of self-determination to the provinces. The Centre shall hold only those powers as will be delegated to it by the common consent of provinces and be of common concern.

(d) We hold the Federation of autonomous provinces is essential and serves the best interests of the country. No Federation or a Central Government will be acceptable to the Musalmans which directly or indirectly subordinates the Musalmans comprising ninety millions of people and possessing a distinct culture, to the will of the majority community. In other words, the Central Government should be constituted on such principles which guarantee religious, political and cultural freedoms of the Musalmans.

FEDERAL IDEAL

It is clear from the principles and objectives embodied in the above resolution that the Jamiat Ulema will under no circumstances forego the rights of Musalmans to religious, political and cultural freedoms. However it subscribes to the federal ideal and to a common centre, as in the opinion of the Jamiat Ulema, this serves the best interests of India as a whole, and the Musalmans in particular. It emphasises that the establishment of the Federal Government, subject to the condition that the right of self-determination to provinces be conceded and the Federation be so constituted that the Non-Muslim majority of the Centre is not in a position to abuse its numerical strength and thereby jeopardise the religious cultural and political rights of the Muslims.

The constitution of the Central Government which eliminates such fears can be secured with mutual agreements by adopting any of the following proposals or any scheme based on the mutual consent of the Muslim and Non-Muslim Parties, e.g.

That (1) The composition of the Central Legislatures will be as follows:

Muslims 45 seats.
Non-Muslims 45 seats.
Other minorities 10 seats.

(2) Any bill or resolution considered by 2/3 majority of the Muslim members as prejudicial to their religious, political and cultural rights, such bills or resolutions will not be moved in the House or allowed to be put on the statute book.

(3) A Supreme Court be established comprising equal number of Muslim and Non-Muslim Judges who shall be appointed by a committee composed of equal number of members from the Muslim and Non-Muslim provinces. This Supreme Court will be authority on matters in disputes between the Centre the provinces or, the provinces or between the various national units.

In connection with clause 2, if an issue arises vis-a-vis the Musalmans and the 2/3 Muslim majority considers it prejudicial to the rights of Musalmans while the Non-Muslim majority looks upon it otherwise, the Supreme Court will be called upon to adjudicate in the dispute.

(4) Or any other proposal agreed to by the parties concerned.

DISABILITIES ON SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONALS IN CITY

Bombay Corporation's Reciprocity Move

BOMBAY, Thursday.

At a meeting of the Bombay Municipal Corporation, on Thursday, Mr. N. C. Bharucha moved a resolution requesting the Commissioner to report through the Law, Revenue and General Purposes Committee on the consequential amendments to the provisions of the Bombay Municipal Act, relating to franchise for imposing on the South African nationals of non-Indian origin disabilities similar to those to which Indians in South Africa are subjected. Mr. Nagindas T. Master, the Mayor, was in the chair.

His Excellency Bey H. H. Anli, Turkish Consul-General in India, was a distinguished visitor at the meeting and was welcomed at the outset by the Mayor.

Mr. Bharucha, moving the resolution, said that it was a disgrace that the South African Government should allow imposition of disabilities on Indians even on such a question as total franchise and particularly in view of the fact that the Indian Army fighting in that continent prevented the extension of war operations. The resolution might not impose great hardships on the South Africans. The proposed measure might be a fleabite but still it was necessary.

Mr. D. V. Pradhan seconded the resolution which was passed without discussion.

DEATH OF SCHOOLBOY

Mr. Mirza Akhtar Hasan moved another resolution requesting the Commissioner to report the full details of the accidental death of an Urdu school student in the K. E. M. Hospital with special reference on the advisability of compensating the parents, on the action taken against those responsible for the accident, and on prevention of recurrence of such accidents and on other points.

Speakers on the resolution urged the payment of compensation for the parents and pointed out that the father who lost his only son had now lost his balance of mind.

The Municipal Commissioner, sympathising with the parents, thought that some kind of compensation to the parents, as a gesture, should be given and especially when they were poor. The accident was due to administration of some mistaken powder. Steps had already been taken to prevent recurrence of such accidents. The police were unable to pin down the real culprit and his personal investigation into the matter was not yet complete.

The resolution was adopted by the House.

FAVOURABLE RESPONSE TO LASKI'S PROPOSAL

Formation Of National Government By Major Parties: Viceroy To Have Overriding Powers Only For Specified Vital Issues

LONDON, March 22 (U. P. A.): Sir Stafford Cripps presumably considers that if Mr. Jinnah takes a rational conciliatory attitude, an agreement in India will be possible, well-informed circles in London told United Press of America to-day.

The meeting between Sir Stafford and Mr. R. A. Khedgikar, M.L.A., which lasted 45 minutes to-day, was described as an exchange of views.

Mr. Krishna Menon had a long discussion with Prof. Harold Laski regarding the implementation of the Labour Conference's India Resolution, prior to the Labour Party's executive decision on the subject.

The main feature of the latter discussion was Prof. Laski's formula for "Settlement in India Now."

The Professor's formula, outlines of which were recently released through the "Hindustan Standard", Calcutta, is based on the Indian demands and answers Mr. Amery's objections raised in a recent interview.

It is understood Prof. Laski's proposal is enjoying considerable support in both the Left and Right Wing camps here and in India. It envisages:—

(1) A National Government of representatives of the major parties.

(2) The League to receive the Premiership and Congress the Defence Ministry, or 'vice versa.'

(3) The Viceroy to be constitutional head with over-riding powers only (a) in conduct of war along with the Commander-in-Chief, who may be a British or Allied personality, and in defence. Also, (b) in minority rights and (c) to ensure a democratic Constitution for future India.

Relations between the Commander-in-Chief and the Defence Minister should be the same as those between the Secretary of State for War and the Commander-in-Chief in England. The peoples of the Indian States should elect delegates for a constituent assembly which will be called after the war, Professor Laski's plan envisages.

Aga Khan Addresses Nairobi Indians In Hindustani

NAIROBI, March 22 (Reuter): The Aga Khan was accorded a very warm reception by the Ismailia community in Nairobi when His Highness visited the Nairobi Jamatkhana on Tuesday. He was accompanied by the Begum wearing a sari and the Princess. On arrival the Aga Khan scouts and girl guides presented a guard of honour. Prominent members of the community garlanded the guests.

The Aga Khan addressed the congregation in Hindustani. He expressed his pleasure at being again in their midst.

The Aga Khan also visited the Council Chamber and spent an hour with the members discussing the affairs of the community.

Central Assembly

No Generalisation From N. W. F. P. Case

HOME MEMBER INSISTS ON BEING CAUTIOUS: MANU SUBEDAR WANTS COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE FINANCIAL SETTLEMENT

NEW DELHI, March 22. (A.P.I.): What the Government of India and Provincial Governments were hoping for was some clear indication that over the country as a whole in principle and in fact the Congress Party had abandoned the method of attempting to coerce those who did not agree with them and paralyse the administration of this country.

This point was emphasised by the Home Member, Sir Francis Mudie, replying in the Assembly to-day to the argument that as Congress had taken office in the North-West Frontier Province it was to be assumed that all over the country Congress had abandoned their attitude of 1942.

Sir Francis asked whether that was a safe generalisation to make. Was it safe to generalise from a province where there was hardly any disturbances at all in 1942, to provinces like the U.P., Behar and the C.P. in which there were serious disturbances indeed. He wished that the Government of India and Provincial Governments would accept that generalisation; but he thought it was a most dangerous generalisation to make. Neither the Government of India nor Provincial Governments, as Lord Wavell made it clear, were asking for repentance in sack cloth and ashes. What was required was for them to co-operate jointly with other parties and participate in the Government.

Mr. Ram Narayan Singh concluding his unfinished speech warned the Government that all attempts to kill the Congress or obstruct the constructive programme of Mahatma Gandhi would fail.

Mr. K. C. Neogy referred to the "dramatic suddenness" of Lord Wavell's departure to London and warned the country against optimistic speculation. "All I can say is we should hope and pray that good sense may yet prevail and justice will be done to India—good sense in quarters who think they have the destinies of this country in their hands. Whatever else may happen as a result of Lord Wavell's visit, I am perfectly sure it is going to lead to a further intensification of the war effort on the part of India". It would, he added, result in increasing the military burden on India.

Mr. Neogy asked for a statement from the Finance Member explaining the circumstances in which the scope of reciprocal aid was expanded so that our obligation which was once limited to supplying U.S.A. troops with goods for their local consumption had been extended to the export of things for which we formerly received payment in the ordinary course of trade.

"UNTOUCHABLE" ITEMS

Mr. Neogy went on to ask whether India was represented in the periodical discussions of the details of the administration of lend-lease.

The Finance Member indicated that India was represented in these discussions.

Mr. Neogy dealt with the coal position and declared that inspite of costly organisation, coal raisings had not substantially increased. He mentioned that the organisation of the Coal Commissioner and Railway Collieries which last year were under the War Transport and Commerce Departments respectively had been transferred to the Supply Department this year and were non-votable. He asked "pandit Raisman" to explain how a department became "untouchable" as soon as the supply touched it.

Mr. Manu Subedar (Congress) demanded the appointment of a commission to enquire into the working of the financial settlement. Mr. Subedar suggested that the Commission should consist of three leaders of the opposition parties of the Assembly and probably Mr. Hussain Imam from the Council of State. "I feel that if things are all right the Finance Member should not shirk placing before these four persons all the facts. They are not people of whom you need be afraid on the ground of security". Mr. Subedar estimated that even on the basis of the original financial settlement, Government would have account for Rs. 300 to Rs. 500 crore spent during the last three years.

Mr. Subedar began his speech by saying that the Finance Member has taken offence at his being described as a Jew. Although Mr. Subedar had very great respect for the Jewish race, he had no hesitation in withdrawing the word if by using it he had given offence.

The speaker also asked whether India got her money's worth. With regard to her expenditure on the army, navy and air force. Before the war, Japan, which was able to take on two or three powers at the same time, was spending only twice or three times as much as India on her armed forces. "We are spending so much to-day and where are we?" He asked,

In reply to Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar on a point of information, the Finance Member explained that the sum of Rs. 8 crores, for which provision had been made, had not been paid. It was expected to be India's liability with regard to U.N.R.R.A.

Continuing his speech Mr. Subedar said, "This U.N.R.R.A., which is providing food and medicine for Greece, France and Belgium and to which this country is made to contribute, is not approached by this Government for food and medicine for this country".

The Finance Member asked if Mr. Subedar has not just said that the Finance Member was in a hurry to pay eight crores? Mr. Subedar was changing his tone. (Cries of 'order order' from Congress benches).

Mr. Subedar criticised the Finance Member for not charging the Rs. 10-1/2 crores involved in the Bombay Dock Explosion, to the Allied Governments and debiting it for the time being against revenue instead.

Mr. Husseinbhoy A. Laljee referred to injustices done to Indians abroad and demanded an honest assurance that fair treatment would be meted out to Indians. They did not want Atlantic Charters with reservations, but wanted H. M. G. to be fair to them. Indians, he added, were justified in suspecting British intentions because promises had not been carried out in the past. He urged H. M. G. to carry out the pledges before Germany was defeated.

He invited Government's attention to the match industry in India and declared that attempts were made to "crush" this industry in India. He criticised the monopoly of the Wimco to the exclusion of Indian enterprise and said that foreign companies were allowed to dump goods on the Indian people. He complained that Indian manufacturers did not get wagons or raw material.

The House adjourned till tomorrow.

Cannot Adopt "Illegitimate Children"

In the Frontier Assembly, Dr. Khan Sahib, the Frontier Premier, announcing the postponement of the presentation of the Select Committee report on the N.W.F.P. Trade Employees' Bill, 1943, fixed for to-day, said: "We cannot afford to adopt too many illegitimate children of the previous Ministry." He said that the present Ministry did not have sufficient time to get the required report ready. For this situation he held Sardar Aurangzeb Khan, former Premier, responsible who, he said, had failed to call a meeting of the Select Committee on the Employees' Bill.

The House passed the N.W.F.P. Adolescent Prisoners Release on Probation (Amendment) Bill, 1945, which seeks to remove certain technical difficulties with a view to enabling women adolescent prisoners to secure their premature release.

The speaker announced that the Entertainment Duty (Amendment) Bill and the N.W.F.P. Legislative Members' Allowance (Amendment) Bill passed by the Assembly in 1944 had received the assent of the Governor.

The House adjourned till tomorrow.

Indo-Ceylonese Match Drawn

COLOMBO, March 22.

The C C A eleven declared their first innings closed at a total of 333 for seven. Indians commenced their second innings on resumption with Manikad and Sarwate to the bowling of Le DeSoysa and Perera.

At close of play Indians in their second innings had made 127 runs for 2 wickets.

Manikad, l-b-w DeSoysa 27, Sarwate, not out 47, Kishenchand, c and b Goonesinha 31 Hazare, not out 8. Extras 17. The match was drawn.—A P.

A new evening milk distribution centre D/102 will be started from March 24, at Talmak Wadi, Tardeo Road.

CALCUTTA, March 22: The Bengal Legislative Council to-day rejected without division a resolution moved by Mr. Lalit Chandra Das (unofficial Congress) urging the immediate release of all political Security prisoners detained under the Defence of India Rules or regulation III of 1818.

LONDON, March 22, (Reuter): The Swedish radio reports Swedish Minister of Justice M Bergquis stated there are 168,000 political refugees in Sweden.

LONDON, March 22: (Reuter): The Marquess of Linlithgow has been appointed Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, it was announced to-night.

FOOD POSITION IN GERMANY WORSENS

Plans Wrecked, Meat Pushed Still Further Into Back Ground

LONDON, March 22 (Reuter): Reich Agricultural Commissioner, Joseph Storz, broadcasting over the German radio to-night said:

"All our food plans have been wrecked. Decrees have already been issued which cut deeply into everybody's food rations. We shall have to push meat still further into the background."

DECISION IS DISAPPOINTING, SAYS BAJPAI

WASHINGTON: Agent-General for India Sir G. S. Bajpai, commenting on the postponement of the Indian Immigration Bill, said, "The decision was disappointing, but the difficulties might be overcome. I do not intend to relax our efforts until success is achieved."

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'UNOFFICIAL BRITISH OPINION ANXIOUS FOR SOLUTION'

Lord Wavell

BRITISH PRESS WELCOMES WAVELL'S VISIT AS HOPEFUL DEVELOPMENT

"Daily Express" Anticipates Important Suggestions From Viceroy

NEW YORK, March 21 (Reuter):—Commenting on the return of Viscount Wavell to England Mrs. Vijayalaxmi Pandit told Reuter: "Lord Wavell is not the first Viceroy who will have returned to England to discuss the question of India's political future along constitutional lines with the Secretary of State. These things do not signify very much to us unless the outcome of such visits is of a nature that ensures for India her freedom which is the goal towards which her people strive."

British Press Reaction

The announcement that Lord Wavell has flown to Britain for consultations with the Government has provoked in this morning papers today, speculation about the subject matter of these discussions.

"MANCHESTER GUARDIAN"

MANCHESTER (Reuter): In a leader to-day on Lord Wavell's visit to Britain the "Manchester Guardian" expresses the view that military matters are the foremost object of the visit, but that the moment may also be favourable for a fresh political approach. "No doubt military problems will be the first in his mind", writes the paper.

"When fighting in Europe ends, the weight of the war will shift to the east and India will be one of the main bases for the assault on Japan. Supplies and other needs must be arranged to suit India's new strategic part.

At the same time the political problem is crying out for a settlement. The Viceroy must decide whether security still demands detention of Indian leaders and a rigid control of political activities in many provinces. His opinion on the chances of producing an agreement between the Indian parties or of a fresh British attempt to break the deadlock will carry great weight.

The fact that the fairly obvious suggestion by one of our recent Indian visitors caused an outburst of sympathetic public discussion shows that unofficial British opinion is most anxious to find a solution.

Latest news from India seems to imply a cautious change of emphasis on the part of the Congress and a rather bigger change of policy on the part of the Government.

Though obstacles to a settlement remain great, the moment may be favourable for a new effort. If so, Lord Wavell will find almost every one in this country ready to help".

"TIMES"

LONDON (Reuter):—The view that Lord Wavell's visit should provide an opportunity for ending the Indian political deadlock is expressed by the 'Times' in its leader today.

The paper writes, "The announcement that Lord Wavell will shortly arrive in this country for consultation with His Majesty's Government will be welcomed by that large body of opinion which is impressed with the necessity of closer co-operation both in war and peace between Britain and India. The Viceroy has been in office for a year and a half, a period which has seen important changes in the fortunes of the Allies in the East.

The decisive defeat of the Japanese attempt to invade India, the victorious advance into the heart of Burma and the triumphs of the United Nations in carrying the war to the very threshold of Japan have combined to transform a situation tense with danger and difficulty into one holding the promise of ordered progress for India. Lord Wavell has carried an exceptionally heavy burden it has been his responsibility to harmonize the needs of India with the requirements of the United Nations in such a fashion as to ensure that the largest concentration of resources could be directed against the common enemy and ensure that the Allied commanders could rely upon India as a secure base for their operations.

His success has laid the foundations of final victory; but the approach of the end of the European war and the preparations for the concluding stages of the struggle against Japan will bring fresh problems with them; and in the consultations shortly to begin, these problems will rightly hold the first place.

Lord Wavell's previous experience as a soldier in India has doubtless spared him much of the laborious study which attends the early months of a Viceroy unfamiliar with the country. In spite of the overshadowing preoccupation of the war, he has been able to identify himself actively and quickly with many lines of progress.

In particular he has been largely responsible for the inspiring advance towards planned economy which represents India's best hope of eventual transformation from a land of undernourished peasants into a powerful modern State.

But if this hope is to be realized, and if Britain's declared policy towards India is to be fulfilled, the creative energies of the Indian peoples and their leaders must be liberated from the sterilities of the present political deadlock which nourishes a distrust of Britain and threatens to impede the good understanding essential to the best interests of both the countries now and in future.

"DAILY HERALD"

LONDON (Reuter): "Foremost" among the proposals which Lord Wavell will discuss with War Cabinet will be "the question of the release of the Congress Party leaders whose goodwill is essential to any effective settlement" writes the Political Correspondent of the Labour Nswspaper "Daily Herald."

"During his 18 months of office Lord Wavell has made intensive study of Indian problems" he writes. It is known that his sympathies lie with the Indians. To make progress towards the attainment of Dominion Status Government, while maintaining that the Cripps proposals are still open for acceptance by the political groups, wants the next move to come from India itself.

There is a strong feeling among the members of the Labour Party that the British Government must not take the initiative towards a solution of the present difficulties".

Conservative "Daily Telegraph" says "One of the subjects which it is believed the Viceroy will discuss with the Cabinet is a proposal for reconstructing the Government of India to include popular representatives. This was made by Mr. Bhulabhai Desai, Leader of the Congress Party in the Central Legislative Assembly."

The paper adds last September towards the end, his first year in office the Viceroy suggested that at some convenient time before the end of the war he might report personally to the British Government on the conditions in India. The Government agreed and suggested a discussion in this spring. The present visit was arranged accordingly."

"DAILY EXPRESS"

New plans to settle political differences and give India self-Government are expected to follow his visit, says the "Daily Express" which however adds "No specific proposals have been prepared, but Lord Wavell is known to have some important suggestions to offer.

"NEWS CHRONICLE"

The Liberal "News Chronicle" adds that the British cabinet "has now decided that the time has come for re-examination" of the whole Indian problem.

J. J. SINGH

NEW YORK (Reuter): President of the India League of America Sardar J. J. Singh told Reuter, "Lord Wavell's visit to London to consult his real 'boss' Mr. Leopold Amery cannot mean very much so long as Mr. Amery insists on harping upon the old tune that there is no necessary common measure of agreement between the principal political elements in India' and that in the absence of that agreement no new move is likely.

This is an old story which fools no one even though it may be couched in sympathetic terms.

I had hopes that the recent talks of Mr. Bhulabhai Desai Leader of the Congress Party in the Central Assembly with Lord Wavell would bring results and that the Congress Leaders would be released and a popular interim Government formed.

But I am afraid nothing is likely to happen as long as Mr. Amery and Mr. Churchill do not change their attitude towards India's aspirations".

B. P. SINGH ROY

CALCUTTA (A.P.I.): "Lord Wavell's visit to London at this psychological moment is of considerable political significance. One may reasonably hope that some practical steps would soon be adopted by His Majesty's Government for dissolving the Indian deadlock", says Sir B. P. Singh Roy, the Liberal Leader, commenting on the departure of Lord Wavell for London to report to His Majesty's Government on conditions in India.

FAZLUL HUQ

Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq, ex-Premier and Leader of the Opposition, says, "I hope good sense will dawn on the members of His Majesty's Government and they will realize that even if they are victorious on the battlefield, they will lose their foothold on India if they do not respond to the genuine aspirations of the people of India.

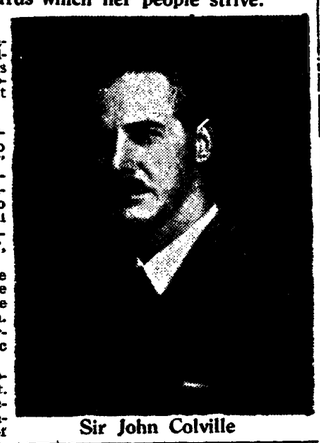
So long they have deceived themselves and deceived the world, but the time has come when they will have to face realities and they will learn that this war has taught the great lessons of the necessity of the recognition by Englishmen of their obligations to India. Let us hope for the best."

N. C. CHATTERJEE

Mr. N. C. Chatterjee, one of the Vice-Presidents of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, suggests that Lord Wavell should impress upon His Majesty's Government the immediate necessity of giving India a free constitution untrammelled by the poison of communalism which was injected into the body-politic by the communal award. All leaders should be released with a view to setting up a Constituent Assembly. We stand for the fullest freedom for Hindustan, but do not want vivisection of India in any shape or form.

ABDUL KAIM,

Mr. Abdul Kaim, M.L.A., a prominent member of the Muslim League, says "Lord Wavell's attitude towards the Muslim demand for Pakistan, as revealed in public utterances, has been unsympathetic. Should this influence his recommendations to His Majesty's Government and another "award" is made by the latter favourable to the Hindu majority, the gravest crisis in the history of India is bound to follow."



Sir John Colville

British Leaders' Views

LONDON (Wednesday). Reuter): Favourable reaction to the coming visit of Lord Wavell to London was voiced in political circles to-day.

Mr. Pethwick Lawrence told Reuter: "The prospect of an early end of the European war suggests that the visit of Lord Wavell will present a favourable occasion for further advance in the direction of a settlement of the problems of India"

Mr. Emmanuel Shinwell said: "This is an opportune moment to end the deadlock and effect a solution.

It would be welcomed in this country and I think—though it is not their business—it would be very well received in the United States and Russia".

Mr. Arthur Greenwood said that he took as a favourabe sign that the political situation was going to be discussed again during Lord Wavell's visit.

"EMPIRES ARE COMFORTABLE CUSHIONS"

LONDON, March 21 (Reuter).—The Colonial Secretary Colonel Oliver Stanley said here today that but for the colonial empire Britain's lifelines would have been cut during this war and the British might have been forced into defeat.

"After the war we have got to depend as never before upon our export trade—that comfortable cushion on which we sat so long, like our fathers and grandfathers before us. We are sitting now on bare boards. We have got to export in future, not to be comfortable, but to live.

BRITAIN FEEDS ON EMPIRE

In the two wars in our life time the colonial peoples had come to our aid. They had not been conscripted for the fighting services, and there is not one man in the colonial empire now fighting for us today who has needed the spur of the compulsion," said Colonel Stanley, "yet hundreds of thousands are sharing in our struggle.

When people have done that for us we should try and see that they have a better world." Nearly half of Britain's soap ration and nearly half the fat ration came from the colonial empire.

West Indians Chucked Out By Americans From Dance Hall

(From Our Correspondent).

LONDON, March 21.

Leary Constantine, the famous West Indies Cricketer, speaking at Chester said that when West Indians went to dances here they were chucked out by Americans, while the English police were not allowed to interfere. West Indians, he said, believed that Nazism was the worst thing they had to fight but realised that there were other things which must be put right.

Hydari To Complete His Mission In London In Few Days

LONDON, March 21 (Reuter) Sir Akhbar Hydari, who is in London on a mission for the Government of India, is expected to complete his work within the next few days it is stated in authoritative circles today.

Plastiras To Favour Greek Monarchy

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, March 21

The "Daily Herald's" diplomatic correspondent says that General Plastiras is about to declare himself in favour of restoring the monarchy in Greece. His closest friend announced the formation of a new National Liberal Party with "constitutional monarchy" as the chief platform plank.

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Nazimuddin Hints At Early Release Of Politicals

SAYS, WOULD PREFER TO RESIGN IF LEAGUE DIFFERED WITH HIM

CALCUTTA, March 21. (A. P.)

The Bengal Premier Khwaja Sir Nazimuddin replying to the debate on the budget demand under the head "General Administration" in the Bengal Legislative Assembly to-day explained that the ban on the A.I.C.C. and Provincial Congress organisation was imposed in pursuance of an All-India policy. The Provincial Government was given liberty of action in regard to District and Sub-Divisional Congress Committees. He found that a ban was imposed on five District Congress Committees in Bengal in 1942. Government proposed to lift the ban on four of these committees and as regards the remaining committee (Midnapur) Government would take some time to consider the matter.

"It was not possible to permit detenu members of the House to attend sittings of the House he said and added, that for the same reason that it was not possible to release these members it was not possible to permit them to come to attend sittings of the House. It was impossible to say that they would be segregated in one corner of the chamber without coming into contact with anybody.

EXPLAINS JUSTIFICATION FOR DETENTION

It might be asked, Sir Nazimuddin continued, what was the justification for detaining the political prisoners. The justification was that it was apprehended that in case the war situation on the Frontier of India became bad there was likely to be considerable difficulty. It could not be denied that there was at least one Bengali with the Japanese who was broadcasting almost daily and giving instructions. Some of these people held Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose in affection and esteem. Was Government justified in taking risks at a time like this when there was apprehension (Interruptions from Opposition benches).

Proceeding, Sir Nazimuddin said that when he felt that the danger was so removed that Government could start on a policy of release and when he was personally satisfied on that point, he would advise His Excellency in that regard. If his advice was not accepted he would come and tell this House that so far as these cases were concerned, that was not his responsibility but that was the responsibility of the Governor or of somebody else.

And if the political organisation to which he belonged, Sir Nazimuddin continued, the Muslim League Parliamentary Board and the members of the Coalition Party advised him to resign on this issue, he would do so.

Concluding, Sir Nazimuddin said that he is saying all this, not because of what might have been said in this House but because when he visited the political prisoners in Dum Dum Jail and some other political prisoners recently he gave them hope that soon the policy of release would be started in Bengal.

As regards alleged excesses by soldiers in certain instances, Sir Nazimuddin said that both the Bengal Government and the Highest Military Authorities of the U S A and British armies had been taking every possible step to reduce and prevent a commission of these outrages and crimes. He knew of a case where a soldier who had stabbed three persons had been given five years' rigorous imprisonment by the military authorities.

The Cut Motion moved by Mr. Sasanka Sekhar Sanyal (unofficial Congress to critise Government's failure to facilitate attendance in the Assembly of those members who have been kept in detention without trial was lost by 93 votes to 55. All other Cut Motions were lost without a division and the budget demand moved by Sir Nazimuddin in connection with 'General Administration' was voted by the House.

After the debate, Sir Nazimuddin explaining his remarks regarding the question of release of political prisoners, said that so far Government were only releasing Congress security prisoners.

What he meant was that a policy of release would start soon regarding the terrorist security prisoners.

The Assembly adjourned till tomorrow.

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BOMBAY, March 22.

The Bombay Stock Exchange was irregular with narrow price movement. As a result of day's trading Tata Steel Dfds. lost Rs. 3/- Ordinary Re. 1/- but Bombay Dyeings gained Rs. 5/- Kohinoors were quoted X. D. at Rs. 615/-.

Bullion market was steady with a moderate business while Cotton firmed up on active bull support.

Bombay, March 22

The Share Bazar was quietly steady with a restricted business and quotations moved within a narrow range. Recently Cotton Mill shares remained favourable with moderate support and Tata Steel shares remained neglected on unfounded rumours of lower dividends but on close examination, it can be observed that these shares are being actively supported by some powerful interests with a view to accumulate. This state is likely to be realised when open bidding up develops. Tata Steel Defds opened to-day at Rs. 2112 and declined to Rs. 2103. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 390 and ruled quiet at Rs. 387. Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 1865 and steadied at Rs. 1862/8. Kohinoor Mill shares were quoted x.d. at Rs. 613.

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Ahmedabad 232/8 25 33/12
Andhra Valley 1775 90
Tram (Ord) 147
Tram (Pref) 66/12 67
Suburban 212/8
Tata Power (Ord) 1885
Tata Power (Pref) 1765

INSURANCE

British India 23
Empire 1325 20
New India 80/8 80
Vulcan 17/2
Scindia 34/4 34/5 34/1 34/2
Tata Steel Defd 2115 12/8 17/8 20 13/12 1/4 6/4 2092/8 2100 2095 98/12
Tata Steel Ord 391 88 89 89/8 87 88 86 87 86
Tata Steel 2nd Pref 160/12 60/8 61 60/8

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock 428/12
A Cement 232/8 31/4 31/8
Belapur 218 20/8 19 19/8
Burma (Old) 512/8 20 13/12
B B Petrol 5/1/6 5/2/6 5/2 5/2/6 5/2/3
Indian Bleaching 174 75
I I Trust 121/4
Port Canning 105 4/12
P Construction (Ord) 210 8/8 9
Shivrajpur 53/8
Tata Chemical (Ord) 20/4 20/5
Tata Oil 66/12 66/8 66/12
Walchandnagar (Pref) 280
Western India 322
McKenzies Ltd 141/4
Indian Cement (1937) 34

Gold & Silver

The Reserve Bank of India Gold to-day 300 bars Silver at Rs. 127/11 and 32,000 tolas Gold at Rs. 71/7.

The local market opened steady and advanced on active buying and short covering but later reacted on realising.

Forward silver opened at Rs. 127/2 and advanced to Rs. 128 and reacted at Rs. 127/10. Ready Silver was quoted at a premium of annas fourteen at Rs. 128/8.

Trading in forward Gold started at Rs. 70/12 and under active buying quotation rose to Rs. 71/12 when realising appeared and the market reacted to Rs. 71/7. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 72/5.

The market ruled steady and closed as under:—

Silver Ready	128	14	0
Silver Settlement	127	14	0
Gold Ready	72	8	0
Gold Settlement	71	10	0

(From Our Correspondent.)
BHUJ, March 22.

To-day Hundi Koris 353, Silver Rs. 107, Gold Rs. 60/4.

Bombay Cotton

The local Cotton market opened to-day at Rs. 449/8 for May delivery and improved to Rs. 451 under scattered buying. The market is stabilised around present quotations and is likely to remain until March settlement is over. At present under the influence of hedge selling the advance is checked but as soon as the movement of the crop is over, we look for considerably higher prices and prefer to buy on all recessions.

Later on there was improved buying by the Syndicate and May advanced to Rs. 453.

March was firm on short covering. There was moderate buying and short covering which hardened May delivery to Rs. 454/12. The market finally closed at 6 p m as under:—

I C C March	454	0	0
I C C May	455	0	0
I C C July	469	4	0
I C C Sept.	477	12	0

COTTON PARITY.

Indian Cotton May Contract is 480 cent points below New York May at Exchange rate 331

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES.
BOMBAY, March 20.

	Hi.	Lo.	Close.
I C C March	445/8	443/8	445/4
I C C May	452/8	449/4	450/4
I C C July	467	465	465/8
I C C Sept.	475	473/8	473/8
Karachi May	46/13/6	46/6	46/8/3

CALICUT QUOTATIONS
CALICUT, March 22.

Cocoanuts Raw 80 Dry 77 Cocoanut-oil 335 Copra Office 197 Dilpasand 20"/ 8 Madrasnottam 215 Goodgooda 220 Pepper Wynaad 360 Country 352 Dry-ginger Chernad 220 Ernad 215 Coffee Robusta 83

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ENQUIRIES SOLICITED.

Multilateral Action On Cotton Surplus Problem

AMERICA'S BURDENSOME CARRY-OVER

NEW YORK, March 21.

The United States War Food Administration's weekly Cotton Market Review stated that cotton consumption was at the highest daily rate for any month since November 1943, yet surplus supplies of raw cotton remain high.

BIG CARRY-OVER

In the recent publication of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the bureau stated: "The domestic carry-over of American cotton during the past five years has ranged from ten and one-half to twelve million bales and last August was ten and six-tenths million bales. The carry-over on August 1, 1945 is expected to be well above that of a year earlier. In view of such sizeable supplies of cotton on hand at all times, plus the additional factor that serious shortages have been avoided, so far as particular qualities of cotton are concerned, it is obvious that the textile output in the United States hasn't been limited to any significant extent because of any aspect of the raw cotton supply situation."

In view of the fact that not even the heavy demands of wartime have denited American raw cotton resources and those of other nations who are large cotton suppliers, much interest is being attached to the forthcoming meeting of the International Cotton Advisory Committee which is scheduled to convene in Washington March 26. While there has been no indication from official sources in Washington that the U. S. representatives at this meeting will take any stand or make recommendations for an international commodity agreement on cotton, several journalists in the commodity field have expressed their belief that some such proposal may be presented during the course of the committee's study of world cotton problems—which will be centered largely on utilization of the world's cotton stocks in the post-war period.

MEXICO CONFERENCE

M. F. Lam, writing in the New York "Journal Of Commerce", commented relative to the forthcoming Cotton Advisory Committee meeting: "The position of the American Government on international commodity pacts is described here as having been made eminently clear at the Mexico City (Inter-American) Conference when, as part of its draft for an economic charter, it provided for international action to facilitate the distribution of production surplus. In that provision, the United States called on other American Republics for collaborative action to provide, in exceptional cases of important primary commodities in which burdensome surpluses have developed or threaten to develop, appropriate means for the solution of such problems. The U. S. representatives will go into the advisory committee sessions with estimates showing that world cotton stocks available for exports are anywhere from two to four times the likely export requirements. Unless other countries can show world figures that give a completely different overall supply picture, the U. S. representatives are expected to make known their willingness to take steps along the lines of multilateral action on the cotton surplus problem. "The Cotton Advisory Committee—which includes delegates from Brazil, Egypt, India, Peru, Mexico, Turkey, the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, the Soviet Union and British and French cotton exporting colonies—is not itself empowered to negotiate an agreement, but a decision could be reached to report recommendations back to individual government for steps toward negotiating a commodity pact."—U.S.O.W.I.

General Selling On Favourable War News

NEW YORK, March 21.

The market eased on liquidation and indifferent offtake, the decline being further influenced by distinct favourable war news and vague peace talk. Latterly prices firmed on increased price fixing in near months and drying up of contracts and local covering. The session closed steady. July opened at 21.77 and declined to 21.67 which was the lowest, but later advanced to 21.80 on active buying. The market closed at a rise of 1 to 2 points for near months but distants lost 6 to 8 points Spot cotton price improved 2 points at 22.45c per lb

NEW YORK COTTON

May	22.10+02
July	21.79+01
October	21.17—07
December	21.06—08
January	21.00—08
March	20.96—06
July highest (1.59 p m)	21.80+02
July lowest (10-28 a m)	21.67—11
Middling Spot	22.45+02

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

May	22.05—04
July	21.75—04
October	21.16—11
Middling Spot	21.60—

NOON CALL

May	22.01
July	21.67
October	21.14

LONDON EXCHANGES.
London, March 21.

T T London on:—

New York sellers 4.02.1/2, buyers 4.03-1/2, Madrid Official 44.00, Montreal sellers 4.43, buyers 4.47, Zurich sellers 17.3, buyers 17.4, Stockholm sellers 16.85, buyers 16.95.

LONDON WHEAT.
London, March 21.

Wheat Rosario Santa Fe (New Crop) 42/3 May quoted, Wheat Australian (Bulk) unoffered, Wheat Australian (Bags) unoffered.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.
London, March 21.

Rupee Paper 3-1/2 p c £72-5/8, Consols 2-1/2 p c £33.1/16, Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p c 1961 £105.13/16, War Loan 3-1/2 p c £105-1/8, Funding Loan 4 p c 1960/90 £115.9/16, Victory Bonds 4 p c £113-7/8, Chartered Bank of I A & China £10-3/4, Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Reg.) £86, National Bank of India £42-1/2.

WALL STREET MARKET.

NEW YORK, March 22, (U P A): Trading increased but prices receded by fractions to over two points the general average hitting a new low level since February, on the New York Stock Exchange to-day.

The decline came as a result of Government pressure to check speculation, continued favourable war news and the forthcoming Seventh War Loan.

Railroads were wide losers.

Steels, motors and airlines rallied after losses of more than a point.

Oil issues lost more than one point.

Messrs. Handy and Harmon reported silver prices unchanged at 44.3/4 cents per fineounce to-day.

BOMBAY PRODUCE
BOMBAY March 22.

The market was quiet with a slight increase in Linseed groundnuts Nizam State Bold were Rs 13/12 and Madras Rs 14 Khandesh quality was quoted at Rs 14/13. Goa Madras Rs 14 and Nizam Rs 13/14. Oil May was quoted at Rs 10/1. Castorseeds Bombay stood at Rs 15/4 and Goa delivery was quoited at Rs 15/6 Linseed C P and U P was quoted at Rs 15/9 N S Ry was quoted at Rs 15/7/6 and small at Rs 15/3.

Increase Of Rs. 3½ Crores In Note Issue

The weekly statement of the Reserve Bank for the week-ended March 16 shows a further increase of Rs. 361 lakhs in the total note issue:—

LIABILITIES

Notes held in the Banking Department Rs 11,97,87,000; Notes in circulation Rs 1079,20,93,000. Total Notes issued Rs 1091,18,80,000.

Total Liabilities Rs. 1091,18,80,000

Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities: 93.435 per cent.

ASSETS

A Gold Coin and Bullion:—
(a) Held in India Rs. 44,41,43,000;
Sterling Securities Rs 975,32,89,000
Total of A Rs. 1019,74,32,000
B Rupee Coin Rs 13,60,33,000
Government of India Rupee Securities Rs 57,84,15,000
Total assets Rs. 1091,18,80,000

AMERICA'S INTEREST IN COTTON CONFERENCE

BOSTON, March 21 (U P A): "The Christian Science Monitor" commenting to-day on the forthcoming cotton conference, said the session might test the United States determination to share its postwar markets with economically exhausted countries.

The paper said the United States has one year's full production of cotton on hand and faces the problem of marketing half its annual production abroad.

The United States might agree to some division of world markets on a basis comparable to the International Wheat Agreement, the paper added.

BUYERS DISSATISFIED IN NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

NEW YORK, March 21, (U P A): There were many dissatisfied buyers in the cotton goods trade on Worth Street to-day as mills substantially drew out of the market.

Traders said pressure regarding supplies to fill highrated priorities is just as insistent as ever, but producers continued to supply piecemeal lots for immediate shipment pending clarification of Government regulations, costing problems and war developments.

HAPUR QUOTATIONS
HAPUR, March 22.

Wheat 9/2 Arrivals 50 Mds Stock 91 Khattis Gram 7/10 Stock nil Barley 6 Stock 89 Peas New 5/14/8 Old Khattis 5/10 Stock 124 Khattis Maize 6/6 Bajra 7/10 Juwar 7/4 Urad 13/15 Moong 11/ Arhar Ready 6/11 Old Khattis 6/14 Stock 119 Khattis Gur 9/2 Arrivals 1500 Mds Extremely Steady Silver 127/12 Gold 71/2 undertone bearish on lower Bombay Advices Guwar 6/15/ 6 Bardana Chet 54/8 Asoj 54

MONEY MARKET
BOMBAY, March 22.

LONDON: Banks buying 90 days/at 1/6 7/32 1 and 2 months, 1/6 1/4 3 to 6 months.

B. C. RATES: T T 1/8 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16.

Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32.

Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32 D D 1/6 3/32

LDN/NEW YORK:

Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4 D D Rs. 332 3/4

Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2 D D Rs. 327 1/2.

LDN/MONTREAL:

Banks selling T T Rs. 302 1/2 D D Rs. 302 1/2

Banks buying T T Rs. 297 3/4 D D Rs. 295 3/4.

Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Very quiet.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 p c. Bank of England Rate 2 p c.

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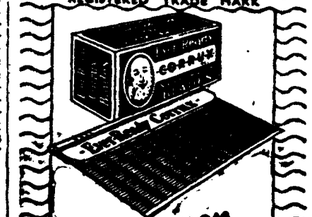

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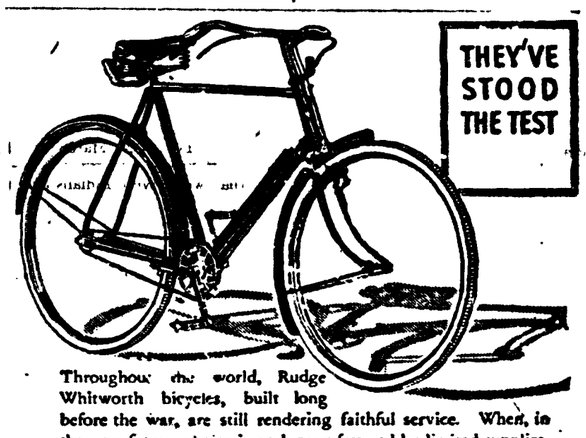

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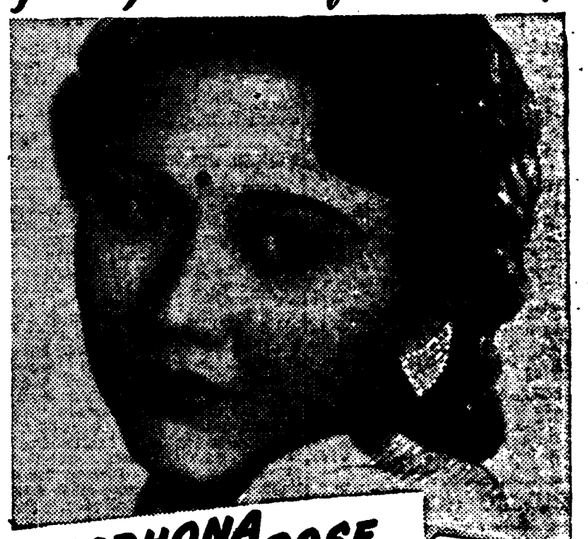

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Wanted experienced and qualified Salesmen for Grocery goods canteens and mistri for Sodawater Factory. Apply with testimonials stating qualifications, experience and lowest salary acceptable. Write to L. Narain Dass & Sons, Jalna (Deccan) N. S. Rly. 7409

Wanted Agents and Stockists in important cities by the biggest manufacturers of quality Electric Stoves 500 volts and 1,000 volts. Apply G. R. Tadhi & Co. 24 The Mall, Lahore. 2589

Wanted young men with a working knowledge of English knowing turning and fitting work as apprentices to be trained up as mechanical engineers for mofussil ginning and pressing factories with ultimate prospects of permanent jobs as mechanical engineers on their obtaining second-class engineer's certificate. Starting salary Rs. 50 per month plus dear food allowance and provident fund. Apply with copies of certificates to Box No. 2538, "The Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted a qualified and experienced Accountant in English. Apply with terms and testimonials on or before 30-3-45 to Manager Distillery, Betul Ganj (Betul). Preference will be given to a really competent and experienced men. 2581

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

WANTED SERVICES of Clerks in office of C.R.E. DEOLALI. Pay according to experience and qualifications. Apply to C.R.E. DEOLALI stating qualifications and experience.

Applications from Government servants will be considered only if forwarded through proper channels and the departments concerned are prepared to release them if selected. 2562

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

THE SARAF OIL MILLS COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 7th ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Saraf Oil Mills, Co., Ltd., will be held at the Registered Office of the Company at 325, Kalbadevi Road, Bombay on TUESDAY, the 10th day of April, 1945, at 5 P.M. (N.S.T.) to receive and adopt the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the report of the Directors and of the Auditors for the year ended on 31st December, 1944 to elect Directors in place of those retiring by rotation, to declare dividends on Ordinary and Preference Shares of the Company and to appoint Auditors for the next year.

Notice is also given that the Transfer books of the Company will be closed from 27th March 1945 to 10th April, 1945, (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board,
Messrs KISHANDUTT DWARKADAS,
Agents.
2583

G. I. P. RAILWAY.

THE DIVISIONAL ENGINEER, G.I.P. Rly., Bombay, invites tenders up to 12 hours on 3-4-45 for supply of Bamboos, mattings, zawalies etc. at Resident Engineer's Workshop, Byculla. The form of tender, Schedule and Conditions of Contract can be obtained from his office on payment of Rs. 2|- per set. This sum will not be refunded. 2585

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS INVITED to fill temporary non-gazetted appointments in Survey of India, which will be for duration of war subject to termination on one month's notice. Initial pay according qualifications minimum Rs. 100|- for graduates, pay for First Division Intermediates will be fixed after test and interview, annual increments not less than Rs. 10|-. Incumbents will be considered for appointment to Upper Subordinate Service carrying maximum pay of Rs. 240|- per mensem, with chances promotion gazetted appointments carrying maximum pay Rs. 600|-. If permanently appointed service in temporary post counts for leave and pension.

Candidates must be physically fit and between 18 and 25 years of age on 1st June, 1945; must have passed degree examination of recognized University with mathematics or geography or Intermediate examination in first division with mathematics (those with free hand and map drawing qualifications preferred) and must be willing join Survey Supplementary Reserva for which 25% additional pay granted. Reservists have liability active military service with Indian Survey Units in or out of India. When mobilized, emoluments are further enhanced upto 100% according to local conditions.

Application forms, obtainable from Director, Frontier Circle, Survey of India, Murree, Punjab, must be completed and returned to that office by 16th April, 1945.

Applicants must come at own expense for interview and test at Bangalore, Calcutta or Lahore on 8th May, 1945. Selected Candidates required to join at Mansehra, Hazara District, North-West Frontier Province by 1st June, 1945. 2580

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

IN PURSUANCE of a requisition, received under Section 36(d) and (h) of the Municipal Act, for calling a Special (Urgency) Meeting of the Corporation to consider the situation arising out of the issue of the Government Order prohibiting the sale of tea, etc., to which milk prepared from skim milk powder has not been added by hotels restaurants etc. a SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION will be held in the Municipal Office on THURSDAY, the 29th MARCH, 1945, at 2 p.m. (Bombay Time).

By Order of His Worship the Mayor,
B. V. MODY
Municipal Secretary.
Municipal Corporation Office,
Bombay, 22nd March, 1945. 2596

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, BENGAL

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from male non-Muslim candidates to fill a temporary Gazetted post of Assistant Inspector of Technical and Industrial Institutions under the Director of Industries, Bengal on a fixed pay of Rs. 200 per month for a period of one year for the present with the prospect of being made permanent in the near future. Age—between 25 and 30 on 1-1-45 Qualifications must possess a degree in Mechanical Engineering of a recognised University, preference being given to one having experience in Textile Engineering must possess practical experience in a factory for at least two years and must have administrative experience. Full details, may be obtained from the Secretary, Public Service Commission, Bengal, Darjeeling, personally or ON SENDING AN ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH A NINE PIES STAMP affixed. Application forms will not be supplied on receipt of mere stamps. Letters must not be addressed to the Secretary by name. Last date for receipt of applications on prescribed form, together with a treasury receipt for Rs. 5 7th April 1945. 2591

PUBLIC NOTICES

G.I.P. RAILWAY

WANTED CANDIDATES to fill in a temporary capacity the following posts:—

(a) 1 Tracer, Grade Rs. 30-4-50, Starting pay Rs. 40|- p.m., plus Dearness Allowance at the rates declared from time to time.

(b) 6 clerks Grade Rs. 30-4-50| EB|5-80, starting pay Rs. 40|- p.m., plus Dearness Allowance at the rates declared from time to time.

NOTE:—Domiciled Europeans and Anglo-Indians will receive an initial allowance of Rs. 15|- p.m., but this will be absorbed in basic pay.

2. Age between, 18 and 30 years on 1st April 1945. Educational qualifications—Passed Pre-Matric standard, but Matric or its equivalent will be given preference. Candidates knowing typing will be preferred. For the Tracer's post, they must possess sufficient skill in tracing. Candidates should be physically fit generally and have the following sight standard:

FOR TRACERS:
Distant vision as tested with Landolt's split rings must be not less than 6|9 in one eye and 6|12 in the other eye with or without glasses, and admissible myopia not more than 4 D.

FOR CLERKS:
Distant vision as tested with Landolt's split rings must be not less than 6|9 in either eye with or without glasses.
Near Vision—Snellon 0.6 in either eye with or without glasses.

3. Form of application obtainable from the Divisional Engineer G.I.P. Railway, Poona, on remittance of Re. 1|- by money order. Full name and address of the applicant must be entered in BLOCK letters on money order coupon. If this condition is not complied with, the money order will not be accepted. Last date for receipt of money order is 7th April, 1945.

4. Candidates called for examination and|or interview will have to attend at their own expense. A call to attend examination or interview will not imply offer of employment. (2584)

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED on or before 5-4-45 for the post of Supervisor in the Government Photo Registry, Poona, in the scale of Rs. 95-5-125 plus dearness allowance.

(1) Candidate should be Graduate of any recognised University, and with experience of a Head Clerk or Supervisor in any office. The applicant should state his age, caste and domicile and send copies of certificates of his previous employment and experience.

(2) Suitable candidate will be called for an interview at his OWN EXPENSE.

Inspector General of Registration, Bombay Province, Poona.

No. P.H.-72.
Poona, 20-3-1945. 2578

LEGAL NOTICES

HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY

Insolvency No. 113 of 1944

Re: PURSHOTTAMDAS KESHAVLAL, residing at Churchgate Street, Fort, Bombay ..... A Debtor.

Ex parte: CHIRANJILAL RAMCHANDRA LOYALKA ..... Petitioning Creditor.

On the 6th day of February, 1945, an order was made by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay in its Insolvency Jurisdiction adjudging the abovenamed Debtor an Insolvent.

Dated this 8th day of March, 1945.

K. K. DASTUR,
Insolvency Registrar,
2441

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The property known as Damodar Mansion comprising piece of land containing 822 Sq. Yards or thereabouts situate on and being Plot No. 23 and 95 of the Sandhurst Road, West Estate of the Bombay Improvement Trust now dissolved in the city and Island of Bombay which piece of land forms portion of land bearing new Survey No. 7907 and bears Cadastral Survey No. 1580, Girgaum Division together with one main building on Plot No. 23 aforesaid and one main building on Plot No. 95 aforesaid and another building partly on Plo No. 95 and assessed by the Municipality now under 9 (D) Ward Nos. 409 C, 411 (1), 412-413, Street Nos. 61 to 63 A, 61 A, 63 B, 57-57 A to 61.

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